

MACLEAN'S

CANADA'S WEEKLY NEWSMAGAZINE | www.macleans.ca

AUGUST 23 2004

CANADA'S BEST SCHOOLS

From academics to arts to sports,
what works with teens—and why



Students at Toronto's MARC GARNEAU COLLEGIATE

\$4.95



INTRODUCING THE ONLY HD PVR. THE REVOLUTION CONTINUES



In our ongoing pursuit to give you more control over your TV, control you simply can't get on satellite, Rogers announces the ultimate High Definition viewing experience: the HD PVR. It combines the excellent picture and sound quality of High Definition with the ultimate control of a Personal Video Recorder (PVR).

This is what you can look forward to: recording up to 23 hours of HDTV or 90 hours of standard TV's to play back whenever you want; recording one show while you watch a

different channel, recording two shows while you watch a show you recorded earlier; channel surfing while you watch another show with picture in picture, and having total control to pause, rewind and instant replay live TV. All of this without the hassles of video tapes.

Call today and rent Rogers HD PVR for as little as \$34.95 a month and take your High Definition viewing experience to a higher level.



Digital
Cable

You can't get this on satellite.

ROGERS HD PVR. NOW THE POWER OF TV IS WITHIN YOUR GRASP.

Call 1-888-ROGERS1, visit rogers.com or any of these participating retailers for more details.

ROGERS VIDEO

ROGERS

ROGERS

FUTURE SHOP

ROGERS



© 2004 Rogers Communications Inc. All rights reserved. Rogers, Rogers HD PVR, and Digital Cable are trademarks of Rogers Communications Inc. All other trademarks are the property of their respective owners. Rogers is not responsible for the content of any third-party website. Rogers is not responsible for the content of any third-party website. Rogers is not responsible for the content of any third-party website.

CONTENTS

MACLEAN'S



With secret symbolism, the Olympic Games opens in Athens. 18

FEATURES

18

HOPE AND GLORY As the Olympics open, the doping scandal refuses to go away.

25

COVER CANADA'S BEST SCHOOLS Lessons from the top public high schools in the country.

43

CRIME HOORAY FOR HEROES Two B.C. men help victims in separate incidents—and pay a price.

44

POLICE WHEN STUN GUNS GO BAD Police chiefs investigate the controversial Tasers.

46

BUSINESS THE LOW-CARB BUBBLE The diet touted as the future of eating looks like a fad after all.

48

MARKETING LUXURY ON A ROLL Can banal necessities like toilet paper be made glamorous?

49

LETTER FROM FRANCE LIGHTS, CAMERA... PARIS Montmartre has had a long love affair with the silver screen.



THE TALE OF THE MAIL

Whether it's bad grammar, scrunchions or diners, readers always have opinions

AN ISSUE that includes profiles of some of Canada's best schools (page 25) is as good a time as any to wrap up a column—and thank sharp-eyed readers who delivered needed lessons on grammar. So here's to Jan Stewart of Northey, N.B., Robert Chludz of Victoria, Victoria Okhowski of Mississauga, B.C., and anyone else I missed who caught me wrong after I referred in the July 19 issue to "a minority government with 37 far seats." As

Victoria Okhowski noted, "Less refers to quantity and 'fewer' refers to number"—so the latter would have been the right word. And Doug Lawson of Fort St. John, B.C., and Dennis Friedman of Toronto were quick to write after I referred, in the same issue, to "two most colleges," as Doug Lawson observed: "The adjective *more* must agree in number as well as in gender with the noun which it modifies."

So, as the saying goes, that's my bad for making these mistakes. But while we're on the subject of slang, I don't apologize for using the word "lids" when writing about my offspring. Sure, "children" is the correct word, as some readers point out, but it should be obvious that the "lids" referred to in articles are something other than baby goods (although there are times when our son also fits that description neatly).

All of which is to say that Maclean's remains an unapologetic, and it's almost always a pleasure to hear from you—even when you're pointing out a mistake. One of the roles of a national print publication is to provide an outlet for Canadians to talk to and about each other, and the reader surveys and mailings we've occasionally conducted invariably show that the Letter section and *Overs to His guests* columns—with their everyday-life vignettes—are among our most popular news. "The *Overs to His* column," wrote Jo-Anne Carter of Prince George, B.C., "is one of Maclean's best features. Time and again, I find myself identifying with one of the guest writer's stories."

A great thank-you for journalists about the online, electronic era is that it's now so fast and easy to communicate back and forth with readers. The result is that journalists have become much more of a two-way street. That was apparent last week, as several read-

“Canada, as Joe Clark has said, is a community of communities, and they all like to share their thoughts and opinions”

ers decided that my note on great Canadian diners deserved a response—with appropriate recommendations—in kind.

This being Canada, one reader complained that nothing from her city was cited. Others wrote to ask directions to some of the places mentioned. Native Newfoundlanders

Bliss, now living in Ontario, sent an eloquent and impassioned note taking umbrage with a reference to "old service houses" "Scandinavian," he wrote, "are Swedish pork, curries, and casseroles, often fried and served as garnish; they are not and never have been old restaurants." When I observed that at least one restaurant in St. John's fits "old and Scandinavian" on the menu, he responded that "if a mainlanders truly wishes to experience Newfoundland culture, one must leave St. John's and venture to the supports, never pay attention to what a tourist tells you." Please notice, but we will leave St. John's, Canada, as Joe Clark has said, a community of communities—and one joy of that is that they all like to share their thoughts and opinions. Thanks to everyone who takes the time to do so.

Anthony Wilson-Smith

antonio@maclean.ca or comment on THE EDITOR'S LETTER

MACLEAN'S

Editorial and Circulation

Editor: Andrew Wilson-Smith

Managing Editor: David Carson

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

Editor: Michael Ondaatje

SONY sony style

Choose Your Style. Shop Sony Online.

www.sonymstyle.ca



VAIO COMPUTERS

Canada's largest VMO® line
Featuring Sony Style Exclusive Models



CYBER-SHOT DIGITAL CAMERAS

Featuring the Stylish DSCP100
in Silver, Blue or Red

COMPLETE LINEUP OF ACCESSORIES

Featuring Exclusive Online Coupons
for Sony Accessories

Shop at sonystyle.ca today for more choices and exemplary service

www.sonymstyle.ca 1-888-289-7669

©2006 Sony Electronics Inc. All rights reserved. Sony, Cyber-shot, VAIO and other trademarks are the property of Sony Electronics Inc.

"To suggest that millionaires don't have enough feeds the "consume more" mentality that is leading our world down a path of self-destruction." —Jon Ford, Ottawa

Plight of the wealthy

It assigned me to read in your cover story on redlining wealth about Lauren Mitchell-Halper, who spent exorbitant amounts of money on a Ferrari ("The myth of rich," Aug. 2). I have nothing against Ferraris—if you are rich, and you are a speedster driving enthusiast, then by all means indulge your passion. But that car elicited little pleasure from her. So many people go west out, and I don't mean without Ferraris, that to spend that kind of money on something when it's unethical. Money should be spent with care, no matter how much you have.

Perry Russell, Thornhill, Ont.

I'm a Montclair currently living in Philadelphia. I can't believe any national magazine, with all the news of Canada and the world to cover, put a narcissistic bland millionaire on the cover. I find this embarrassing for a magazine of Maclean's stature.

Andrew Seidenman, Philadelphia

In "The myth of rich," author Katherine MacLennan writes, "If a millionaire isn't rich, who is?" As I read this I couldn't help but ask another question: "Who cares?"

Rev. Michael Smith, Fort Osoyoos, B.C.

By the time you buy a nice house, car, etc., you're already, that is a lot of money. Just the house and maintenance would be expensive. So, \$1 million would make my life a whole lot easier. \$10 million would make me feel rich. It's not so bad.

Daniel Styles, Burlington, Ont.

Under any definition of wealth, I am one of the richest men in Canada. I have a wonderful wife, who after 37 years still loves me and excites me. Together we have four exceptional children, all of whom have well-paying jobs, live each other dearly, and delight in popping home for a visit. We live a 33-year-old house that is a pride for, two older automobiles that are paid for, and a pension that gives us the freedom to live reasonably. No amount of riches in the world



could buy us the love, fulfillment, contentment, health and children that we "possess." Perhaps you need to re-examine your definition of wealth.

H. David Goldsmith, Chatham, Ont.

If you require an understanding of wealth, I propose that you ask the homeless, the poor, the lower middle class, single parents or the aging if they think a million dollars would provide simply a modest living.

Billy Hawk, Stouffville, Ont.

Millionaires seemingly forget that much of their wealth has come from the labours of thousands of others. They should be ashamed to flaunt their self-centred wealth to Canadians.

What'd you call me? I Not only urbanization stirs islanders' passions

While first checking a story on the rapid development of Salt Spring Island, B.C., for our Aug. 2 issue, we were surprised to stumble on another source of island life. In Salt Spring vs. Salt Spring, Official residents say they're repelled but locals insist on "living their way." It was like a breath of fresh air, that you observed the local spilling." —former Salt Spring West MacLennan.

devoted to helping their fellow men, to families living in poverty, and to a world where thousands die each day of AIDS because they can't afford the drugs they need. —Jon Ford, Ottawa

Observing Israel

The media fails to condemn the occupation because it is terrified of upsetting the Israeli government and being branded anti-Semitic ("The new old hatred," Society, Aug. 2). The Israeli government is flouting the United Nations by apparently instructing its representatives to stigmatize all criticism of its actions as racist, thereby branding the entire world, including the UN and its World Court of Justice. The media would do well to realize that "Jewish" and "Israel" are not the same.

Larry Towell, Richmond, B.C.

Please forgive me for smiling. Your two writers seem to imply that anti-Semitism is foreign to Canadians. Having come to Canada in 1947 and graduated from our Canadian universities, my experience has been exactly the opposite. I came to realize that anti-Semitism is deeply ingrained in the Canadian psyche.

Walter Mahesh, Montreal

Missing cat tongues

Aside from the slight mention of baked apples, my home province of Newfoundland and Labrador was left off the menu in your story honouring "Canadian delicacies" ("The great Canadian meal," Food, Aug. 2). Need I say, Quilt Vids brewery, Marland Winery, seal pie, cod tongues, a fiddler's dinner and tuckers are all outstanding examples of regional delicacies that were not mentioned. These are exceptional foods that many international guests and Canadians have enjoyed, and surely deserve mention as truly Canadian food.

Kelcie Clayton, Toronto

I strongly support Charlie Gill's comments on Canadian cuisine. We were recently lucky enough to sample a gourmet meal at La Grappe & Vin, one of Mount Tremblant's finest restaurants. My menu consisted of an assortment of Kamouraska lamb tenderloin lightly seared so that they were still deep red in the interior, followed by a fillet of caribou that was the finest meat I have ever tasted. The best, Charlie, is deservedly



WE'RE REDEFINING WHERE YOU DO EMAIL

Rogers Wireless is the only Canadian provider that lets you send and receive email without a computer, on your BlackBerry Handheld. With the help of flexibility you can resolve anything on the spot from virtually anywhere around the world. Check out our phone and email plans starting at \$45/month.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 1-866-867-2504 OR VISIT ROGERS.COM/BLACKBERRY

©BlackBerry

ROGERS
WIRELESS

Your World Right Now

SHOP AT ROGERS.COM, 1-800-462-4463, A ROGERS' WIRELESS, ROGERS PLUS OR ROGERS VIDEO STORE

praised of his chef, who also happens to be his daughter.
Bill Steers, West Vancouver, Que.

I really enjoyed your coverage of Canada's indigenous foods. Chef Kevin Bogue's five-course meal celebrating the bear that Gus did was a treat, looked absolutely stunning. However, a major oversight was made when he chose to prepare a "two chocolate terrine" for dessert. The cocoa tree is definitely not native to Canada.
Eric Wilford, Toronto

Four more years?

I have a hard time believing that Bush still has a pretty good chance of being re-elected ("Prime time for John Kerry," *The Back Page*, Aug. 2). Bush has the power to do great things. Instead, he has begun a conflict that has killed thousands and created great instability throughout the world. Do Americans realize the implications if they re-elect Bush?
Heidi K. Kozlowski, New, Toronto

While George W. Bush likes to boast about the supposed improvements he has made to our national security, the fact remains he has done very little to protect us. He has spent so much on his wars for the wealthy few Americans that he cannot afford to properly protect our citizens of every race who have demonstrated their first responders by cutting their way and benefits while sharing the burden down across the country. Every day, it is becoming clearer that Bush's weak plan for fighting terrorism is the wrong choice for America.
Bryan Thompson, Los, B.

Small town crowds

Salt Spring Island isn't the only place that was formerly secluded and is now having to deal with rapid development and urbanization by people from the big cities ("Building along the Gulf Inlet," *Commentaries*, Aug. 2). Take Prince Edward County. Between all the new vineyards being planted, tourists that clog our streets and roads in the summer, and relief from Toronto who build their million-dollar dream houses and wonder why their taxes are going up! P.E.C. as a carbon copy of Salt Spring Island. I guess the gap between the haves and the have-nots is growing all across the country.
Steven Van Vleet, Prince, Ont.



Some artists say CEO Gus O'Donnell's plan to change the bank will mean losing a Canadian symbol

I was Canadian

It's hard to shake the disappointment on the Milton Cohen program—Milton is a Canadian symbol ("Lost in Brazil," *Business*, Aug. 2). It makes me realize how low nationalism ranks in some Canadian businesses.

Allison Linn, Vancouver

Poor parenting

I'm writing in regards to Amy Carter's article, "I'll never grow up, not me" (*Sassy*, Aug. 2). The main message is evident in the title: "It's now up to us to decide when we want to become adults." Turning 25, or getting that first job, no longer transforms us. "It should read, 'I am now 25 with a full-time job, but my parents are not forcing me to live on my own, therefore, I still have to transform.' It is not the so-called "kids" or "adolescents" who are choosing not to grow up, it is their parents who are allowing them to stay irresponsible and immature.

Paul Monahan, Ipsa, Ont.

“The ‘kids’ aren’t choosing not to grow up—parents are allowing them to stay irresponsible and immature.”

Unwanted children

Some people think there are no unwanted children in the world. I think people who claim about the 26,000 children in foster care are up for adoption prove otherwise ("The ethics of adoptions," *Adoption*, July 26). I hope

sterile couples will seriously consider adopting child from an orphanage before under taking fertility treatments. There are already so many children in this world desperate for a home.

Laurie Ward, Vaughan, Ont.

Canadian children too often take the back seat when we are bombarded with the terrible global realities of children's lives. By exposing local truths your articles have opened our eyes. Keep up the good work, helping us to know more about our children and ourselves as a Canadian society.

Lili A. Woodard, Richmond Hill

After seven years of trying to conceive, my husband and I looked into adoption. We now have a baby boy. Dreams do come true.
Christine Ford, Markham, Ont.

Rock vs. soul

Shonda Dorel laments the lack of soul in this year's *Canadian Idol* contestants ("Canada, where's your soul?" *TV*, Aug. 2). I say rock and roll is the soul of Canadian music and seems to be in fine shape in this talented group of young people. And while everyone is entranced by their spunk, I draw the line at those remark "so many cheesy, middle of the road white guys." Shame on you—colour has nothing to do with music. Now Rufe Deseau, one of the most rockin' guys to come out of Canada since Alanis Morissette.
Keville Hahnberger, Calgary

SEPTEMBER 2004

chatelaine

Walk it off:
1 month, 5 pounds
— no sweat!

**EAT MORE,
WEIGH LESS**

**Top 10
medical advances
for women**

**EASY TAIL
WARDROBE UPDATE**

**Dream bathrooms:
2 plans, 16 ideas**

**PREGNANCY:
What your doc
won't tell you**

**Skin care
that's right
for you**

**feel
your
best!**

fitness | nutrition | health

**30-MINUTE
MEALS**
—
Rosemary
chicken
—
Spicy
peas
—
Grilled pizza
burgers

FREE
with chatelaine
SEP 17

**FREE
step
counter**

**Exclusive
step
diet**

on sale now!

Meet Mr. Brent Allan Davey. He also answers to "cutie-ple."

Knowing who our customers are
is the first step to serving them better.



1-800-436-3333 or www.tdcanadatrust.com

Banking can be this comfortable

TD Canada Trust

MACLEAN'S BEHIND THE SCENES



MACLEAN'S GOES DAILY FOR THE GAMES

Hype abounds for this year's Canadian Olympic team. The moving team's men's eight has momentum from capturing the past two world championships and this season's big regattas, and kayakist Caroline Brunet has the hunger for a gold medal after winning two silvers at past Games. Last week's Maclean's cover athlete, Perditia Felicien, has cracked the aura of invulnerability of her chief rival, American Gail Devers.

Think you can get a Maclean's update on how these athletes are faring only once a week? Think again. Throughout the Olympics, Macleans.ca is keeping you abreast of the events and what they all mean.

"There's more to Maclean's coverage of the Olympics than only the magazine," says online editor Derek Chizz. With writers Jonathan Gaimhouse and Ken MacQuinn on the ground in Athens, and photographers as well, Macleans.ca will provide timely updates and fresh photos of each day's newsmakers. The site will feature the latest news in partnership with Sportsworld.ca, as well as an exclusive photo gallery.

Visitors will also find daily commentary on the winners, the losers, the scandals, the records, the judges and all matters Olympic by Maclean's writers, including Charlie Gibbs and Paul Wells, along with guest pundits. Armchair critics are welcome to join in the friendly debate in the reader response area. As events unfold, Macleans.ca visitors are being asked their views on Olympic happenings through online polls.

The 2000 Canadian team racked up 14 medals, including three golds. That total is about what Canadian officials expect in Athens, too. This year, readers can log on to the site to check out the handy Canada medal count for a live snapshot of where we stand. Says Chizz: "Readers may not expect current coverage from a weekly publication, but Macleans.ca allows us to deliver up-to-date information on one of the year's biggest news events."

Help shape what's inside Maclean's by registering as a member of the Maclean's Advisory Panel at www.macleans.ca/ha. For further information about this article, contact behindthescenes@macleans.ca.



All banks look after
your money.

The question is,
how well do they
look after you?

Conflict can mean money

things. The convenience of

longer hours at more

branches. Not having to fill

our deposit and withdrawal

slips. Getting banking

that's easy to use. And

advice and guidance

that's relevant and timely

At TD Canada Trust,

we believe banking can

be this comfortable

1-800-436-3333

www.tdcanadatrust.com

TD Canada Trust

ALL I WANT IS...



a great start to the day plus **Whisper®** points and airline miles. The best place to stay when you travel? Hampton® Hotels. You'll find delightful accommodations and a staff that's committed to pleasing you. Plus you'll earn both Hilton HHonors® points and airline miles. And, with every stay, you'll enjoy our complimentary breakfast and our 100% Satisfaction Guarantee. For reservations, visit www.hamptoninn.com or call 1-800-HAMPTON.



www.hamptoninn.com

Locations: BC • Vancouver Airport, BC • Vancouver Downtown, BC • Langley/Tripway, BC • Surrey/Bellfield, BC • Calgary/Airport, AB • Calgary/McCallum, AB • Whistler, BC • Toronto/Don Mills, ON • Toronto/Midland, ON • Windsor, ON • Wayne/Redford, ON • Kingsville, ON • Ottawa, ON • Montreal/Dorval, QC

©2004 Hampton Inns, Inc. All rights reserved. Hampton Inns, the Hampton logo and all other marks are trademarks of Hampton Inns, Inc. Hampton Inns is a registered service mark of Hilton Hotels Corporation. Hampton Inns and Hampton logo are registered trademarks of Hilton Hotels Corporation. Hampton Inns is a registered trademark of Hilton Hotels Corporation. Hampton Inns is a registered trademark of Hilton Hotels Corporation. Hampton Inns is a registered trademark of Hilton Hotels Corporation.

UPFRONT

Mansbridge on the Record



FIT FOR THE GAMES

The Olympics are a time to see heavy security, famous faces—and new suits

I WAS BARELY off the plane after the flight from Toronto through Los Angeles to Seoul when Brian Wilkerson was telling me about a bagpipe clanking more like a bell. It was my first trip to South Korea, but not my first time in that part of the world, so I was aware of the delights—and perils—of 24-hour nonstop flying. But Brian had done the rounds. He said the place he'd found was totally above board, and was used by many of the so-called rich and famous. So the next day, after preparations for the opening ceremonies of the 1988 Summer Olympics, off we went to the attractions of Incheon, Seoul's major coastal area. One of those was Incheon's dockside, a very focused middle-aged man working out of a small one-room structure and stacks of rolled material. He took measurements, then promised a finished, Western-cut suit by the same time the next day. We were in and out within 15 minutes.

Twenty-four hours later, we were back, and I was dressed in a beautiful, custom-tailored suit for the occasion. It was a real triumph, as the man for whom it was made was to be the first "first" in a long line of firsts. It was a real triumph, as the man for whom it was made was to be the first "first" in a long line of firsts.

In Athens this week, security will again be an issue. The media will report on it at length, and visual coverage will focus on soldiers with guns at an event designed for athletes with bows. Hopefully, when the opening ceremonies end, so too will the need for that bow.

“

Five minutes later, I was standing next to the general, both of us in our underwear, waiting on our adjustments.”

Security was tight then, the fear being a sudden attack from the North. At every Olympics, security is massive, seemingly more so each time. At the 2003 Salt Lake City Winter Olympic Games, the first since 9/11, precautions were at an all-time high. Flying in and out, passengers were warned that no one would be allowed out of their seat within 30 minutes before landing or after takeoff. We were advised to use washrooms before the deck started rolling, because there would be no exceptions. On the ground, waves of security checkpoints were evident at every event. About an hour before the opening ceremonies began, I left the stadium booth I again shared with Brian Wilkerson and climbed two flights of stairs to grab a sandwich in an area reserved to dignitaries and media. As I rounded a corner, I came face to face with Robert Mueller, the director of the FBI, who, surrounded by agents, was on a determined march to somewhere. He smiled and I asked, “Everything okay?” “Fine,” he responded, and marched on with the gaze of someone who literally had the weight of the moment on his shoulders.

In Athens this week, security will again be an issue. The media will report on it at length, and visual coverage will focus on soldiers with guns at an event designed for athletes with bows. Hopefully, when the opening ceremonies end, so too will the need for that bow.

I've left one bit of information unreported: the suit. Yes, it fit and I wore it for a while, although in that era, many 24-hour suits suffered from a final flaw—the thread holding it together didn't last long at the dry cleaners. At least, it didn't for me. I'm not sure how the general made out.

Peter Mansbridge is a third-generation CBC television news anchor and author of *The National*. He can be reached at pm@nationalnews.ca.

FaceTime

Home again? The third Arab Canadian to be held and eventually released from a Syrian jail—Ottawa commander-in-chief Abdulaziz Al-Najjar—is back in Canada. Placed on a watch list by Ottawa after Sept. 11 for reasons that have never been clear, Al-Najjar, 33, was not arrested here, but he was jailed for nearly two years when he visited Syria, his birthplace, in May 2004, and, like



acquaintance Maher Arar, he says he was tortured. Accused of aid provided to a Syrian court, Al-Najjar, who has just returned to his home in Ottawa, was told to report for army duty. Got the spy list? The spy list, apparently released, said he returned to his home in Ottawa. His lawyer said



Lawrence Justice, Ontario's attorney general, is the star of Hollywood publicity, Colorado prosecutors want to prosecute individuals in the top level of NBA superstar Kobe Bryant. Bryant's call is a first step to dropping charges entirely, but that has 28-year-old Bryant's own call against the latter.



With no luck in the good news, 19-month-old, won the Canadian equivalent of \$17 million in the 1990s. Now the last, a serial sex offender, a life term, Bryant has been sentenced to a life term, Bryant has been sentenced to a life term, Bryant has been sentenced to a life term.



language secretary to tell members she had a slip in her body—she kept pointing to the highest numbers on the chart. Officials at the Santa Rosa station in Woodstock, Calif., took the opportunity to give 30-year-old Kade a thorough check-up. And for the sake of the state, she asked one specialist for a business card, then promptly said it

language secretary to tell members she had a slip in her body—she kept pointing to the highest numbers on the chart. Officials at the Santa Rosa station in Woodstock, Calif., took the opportunity to give 30-year-old Kade a thorough check-up. And for the sake of the state, she asked one specialist for a business card, then promptly said it

WORLD

REFUGEES Increased security has reduced the number of refugee claimants in both Canada and the U.S. The Canadian numbers for the past six months show roughly 12,246 claims—about two-thirds of what they were in a similar period in 2003. In one notable case, Siraj Patel, a 34-year-old Serbian refugee who spent over a year in a U.S. military detention camp, is fighting deportation, assigned to leave Canada voluntarily so he can apply as an immigrant.



MIGRANT HORROR At least 50 people died and survivors subsisted on breast milk from two lactating mothers—and, some said, on human flesh—when a boatload of migrant workers from the Dominican Republic became stranded in the Caribbean on the way to Puerto Rico. The adults are 140 km apart, but the boat's movie gave out and reports said some passengers were driven so mad by thirst during two weeks at sea that they threw their comrades overboard.



CRACKDOWN Fearing terrorists smuggling from Canada and Mexico, the U.S. is to give its border patrol agents sweeping new powers to detain illegal aliens without allowing them to make their cases before an immigration judge. Canadian and Mexican citizens will not be the primary focus of the crackdown, authorities said.

PRESCRIPTION Drug Verment will sue the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the right to import much cheaper prescription drugs from Canada. The FDA, arguing it could not ensure the safety of the medications, denied the state's request for a pilot project in which Verment's customers could place orders with a Canadian pharmacy that would send them the drugs.

SAME SEX California's Supreme Court nullified the nearly 4,000 gay weddings that sparked a huge U.S. debate earlier this year, when San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom issued marriage licenses to same-sex couples. The court did not rule whether California's marriage laws discriminate against gays.

NUKES A natural steam pipe exploded at a nuclear facility west of Tokyo, killing four workers and injuring seven others in Japan's worst nuclear accident. The steam wasn't

radioactive, but the incident provoked a massive inquiry into Japan's nuclear industry, which provides a third of the country's power and is about to expand.

AFGHANISTAN Swearing on presidential challenges, including two candidates and a woman doctor, are set to challenge Afghan President Hamid Karzai in the new year's country's first presidential elections on Oct. 9. A fresh contingent of 790 Canadian troops is on its way to Kabul to help safeguard the voting. Karzai's officials will be making sure they don't vote more than once.

COMPENSATION Liberals agreed to pay US\$33 million to the families of those hurt or killed in the bombing of a German nightclub in 1988, an attack that claimed three lives, two of them GIs, and injured over 250. The compensation specifically excluded U.S. citizens, however, because President Ronald Reagan responded with air strikes on Tripoli and Benghazi at the time, killing 41 people.

HEALTH | SCIENCE

ANTI-DEPRESSANTS Health Canada warned pregnant women to avoid taking a broad range of antidepressants, including both

popular brands as Prozac, Wellbutrin, Zoloft and Paxil. It said the drugs can cause problems in newborns—irritability, breathing difficulties, body rigidity and contracture. The warning also extended to some medications designed to stop smoking.

NUKLEAR CLOSING Is a huge way for science and ethics, Britain's health authority gave Newcastle researchers permission to clone a human embryo—in this case one discarded from a fertilization clinic. Cloning for reproductive purposes is banned in Britain. The Newcastle center wants to use embryonic stem cells, the building blocks of tissue, to try to cure diabetes.

TRIPS Some really good news: teen smoking dropped last year to 16 per cent of those aged 15 to 19, down from 22 per cent in 2002, ScanCan reported. The biggest declines: Quebec boys and Ontario girls.

MURDER NASH pledged a US\$1-billion rescue for its quarry space vehicle Hubble, which is falling from orbit. The leading gadget being considered is a son of Canada—a two-armed robot called Dextre.

CANADA

RAY ON THE BLOCK Canada's oldest company—and the last of the large Canadian-owned department stores—looks to be up for grabs. Bay Street says the Minnesota police-



DESERT PLAGUE

Swarms of locusts are devouring their way through the prairie on the land of nine provincial North African countries. Aid workers fear the insects will rip through the crop and feed nearby. Locusts hit B.G.S. and eventually hit Iran, Pakistan and India.

based discount chain Target Corp. is taking over the Bay and Zellers stores, which of the Hudson's Bay Co., which opened

the Canada's Northwest over three centuries ago.

POUDRES Paul Martin threw cold water on the government's plan for Ottawa to shoulder the cost of a national pharmaceutical program. The Prime Minister said it is much too expensive, and all he wants is a plan to cover catastrophic drug costs.

In Alberta, meanwhile, all money to burn and an election was in the air. Premier Ralph Klein promised to eliminate health care premiums for anyone over 65.

CURFIEWS Faced with unruly teens, two small towns, St. Louis-de-Kent, N.B., and Hantsport, Que., want to impose

curfews at 11 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. respectively. But the RCMP in New Brunswick says they won't enforce the bylaw because it appears to violate the Charter of Rights.

CAR SEATS A Montreal council is suggesting that infant car seats be equipped with an alarm that sounds whenever the engine is shut off. The recommendation followed the death of 23-month-old Audrey Dubé-Martin, whose father finger her in the back seat on a hot July day last year.

BY THE NUMBERS

SUMMER FUN

Playgrounds are fun, but accidents happen. Ontario statistics from 1980-2000 show the majority of injuries occur during an emergency room visit. Injuries to kids between 5 and 9 years old. Based on Ontario's experience, we've extrapolated some national statistics.

NUMBER OF INJURIES	ONTARIO	CANADA
Broken bones	4,375	15,000
Cuts, lacerations, etc.	3,440	8,500
Soft-tissue injuries	716	1,600
Other injuries	2,520	6,000
Total	114	26,000
Infants	9	25
Other	1,050	6,975
TOTAL	8,580	22,000

SOURCE: BAY WILSON/DOUGLASS

A MIGHTY WIND

Actually two million. Hurricane Isidore hit and destroyed thousands of dollars in damage to the Gulf Coast.



Mary Janigan | ON THE ISSUES



HARPER'S HARD SELL

The Conservative leader has his hands full tackling the party's image as extremist

FOR THE LEADER of the Majority's Liberal Opposition, there are gruffing days ahead. His new Conservative party has no official policy platform—and it has only a sketchy interim constitution. His office is in the shade of a tough shipwreck to bring in more Ontario and Quebec seats. Many of the 98 MPs lack discipline: they are prone to proclaiming their own opinions as if they were solemn party stands. And while the wily Liberals are ready to pounce on every mistake, Stephen Harper must somehow convince to look prime ministerial, dispelling any notion that he heads a Western-occupied party of social conservatism.

It is no easy task. Harper will have to be as tough on himself as those crank MPs he dropped from his shadow cabinet last month. The Calgary MP was in the vanguard of power, mere weeks before the June 28 election. Then, through his own political mistakes and those of other Tories, which Gillis exploited, he blew it. "He has sufficient self-awareness to know where the weak position can be strengthened," says the party's former transition team head Hugh Segal.

Then voters were welcoming a very eye on him. Although some still suspect that Ontario pulled away from the Tories because of its

“Many Tory MPs lack discipline—they are prone to proclaiming their own opinions as if they were solemn party stands”

Over the next few weeks, Harper must devise a strategy for the next election and

bring his shadow cabinet up to speed. Tory critics mean to keep an eye on the new policy areas as the ministers that they shadow; in the past, some had vague ideas like family policy. He must start to assemble a better campaign team—since he obviously lacks good advice and polling data. And while other leaders seek summer no-lot, he must prepare for the Tories' first national convention next spring, cobbling together party committees for everything from policy to rules. His opponents do not know how to keep his shadow cabinet up to speed.

When Parliament opens on Oct. 4, his task is even more complex. Opposition MPs from all parties intend to use their combined majority to reopen the public accounts committee inquiry into the sponsorship scandal. But while they must hammer the Liberals, Harper himself wants to appear above the fray. He will limit his Commons appearances, popping up at policy conferences, control, answering media demands. He will spend at least one day a week in rural Quebec. He will tour Ontario in "listening" mode. And he will talk about economic issues such as taxation, dodging social debates like gay marriage.

Most of all, he will team drawing the line between party policy and individual MPs. Tory opinions are common of Paul Martin, who Gillis took off the rails, the public does not use the social conservatism as the PM's policy. Harper doesn't have that luxury. Segal hopes that if voters grow to know him, they will pay little heed to his own MPs' misdeeds. It is a tough task for a party that promotes the supremacy of Parliament over the courts. He will always exploit this weakness, arguing the Tories could make better rights in other words, it is unlikely the Tories will help topple the Grit minority unless they have too many problems themselves. ■

Mary Janigan is a political and policy writer; mary.janigan@maclean.ca; @maryjanigan

Passages

DESIGNED André Ouellet, 65, a Liberal party heavyweight and pillar of Quebec politics, stepped down in head of Canada Post following an auditor general's report that he had incurred \$3 million in mostly unrecouped expenses over eight years and involved in internal hiring practices. Ouellet had fought the charges for months. He left without a severance, but it's unlikely he will have to repay any of the money.

DEED The house he was in, 60 in New York City apartment, was torn down the night of the Empire State Building, some of her 1993 criminal charges. Although she was charged with conspiracy, she was charged with performing in about 90 mostly B movies in a 35-year career. But she will always be remembered for screaming her lungs out while being ousted by the side of the New York skyline in the grip of the ghost ship, King Kong.

DEED Jean Poulton, a queer broadcast personality who founded two French TV networks in Quebec, TVA and TQS, managing executives with lively, long-term relationships, died after a long battle with the neurological disorder aphasia. He was 81.

DEED Julia Child, the legendary author of the 1961 book *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*, died of a heart attack. She was 91.

NOMINATED Former Gov. 65, a Republican congressman from Florida who was chairman of the House intelligence committee, is George W. Bush's choice to head the CIA. A former CIA operative, Goss, if approved by the Senate, would replace the departing George Tenet and become only the second former congressman to lead the U.S. spy agency, after George Bush Sr.



THE MACLEAN'S INTERVIEW



Iraq | Lewis MacKenzie, former UN commander

‘WAR WAS JUSTIFIED, AND OVERDUE’

WITH THE U.S. OCCUPATION of Iraq going as badly as it has these days to find a prominent Canadian who'll admit to supporting the invasion. But retired Maj. Gen. Lewis MacKenzie isn't shrinking from the position he took as the war raged. Long an advocate of ousting Saddam Hussein, MacKenzie, the former commander of UN forces in Sarajevo, argues the belief that Saddam had weapons of mass destruction was well founded to justify the war. But that, he says, does not mean the war was unjust.

What are you telling this? I told you so?
It's relatively easy. Over the last few weeks, the UN Security Council has been debating the definition of genocide and whether it applies to Saddam. But Iraq qualified. It qualified by way of its treatment of the Marsh Arabs, the Kurds up north and even some people from Saddam's own tribe. In addition, Saddam had been defying UN resolutions for over a decade. So, from my point of view, the war was justified, and perhaps overdue.

Did the U.S. tell the world by focusing on Iraq rather than on spreading out terrorists?
I don't think their responsibility is to the world. It's a sovereign nation. Based on a questionable process and intelligence, some decisions were made that I'm not sure they'd do the same way again. Not to sound over-the-top, but it's like a dog chasing a bus. It's really fun until the catch-up. America chased Iraq and got it. Now it's stuck with it.

Do you envision any role for Canada in Iraq?
I do, whether it's setting up spy agencies, special forces or medical systems. Or election organizing and supervision. But at this stage, it's not dangerous. There will come a time when those risks will be avoidable.

What about our military?
There's just hardly anybody left. It would be a token, useless kind of contribution, and it would pick on the people in the military who are constantly being picked on—the engineers, the medical officers, the communications people. And there are just so few of them.

Do the Americans have risk, tactical options as the uprisings and attacks continue?
Yeah, sure or say it's pretty difficult to know. You have to try to phrase your opinion. If you say, you have to go as quickly as possible—hand over responsibilities to the people you're trusting.

Is George W. Bush a good leader for world stability and security?
Certainly a man of convictions. But I'm concerned about his ability to establish adequate relations with nations that have contributed in the past to peace support operations. Given him, the war [over Iraq] will be difficult. However, it will be more difficult for George Bush to do that than someone else. **CHRIS DILLON**

BY KEN MACQUEEN
AND JONATHAN GATEHOUSE

HOPE AND GLORY

IT'S A HEAVY thing, a flag. Nicolai Gell's burden extended far beyond his entrance into Olympic Stadium in Athens at the head of a cheering, dancing, picture-taking column of 760 Canadian transients during Friday's opening ceremonies. With the performance behind him, the police can return his focus to "my little thing," the business of adding to his medal haul on the mats.

As flag-bearer—a role some athletes maintain has a life of its own—Gell hoped, if only symbolically, the full weight of national expectations. With just 267 athletes, this is the smallest team Canada has sent to a Summer Games since Munich in 1972. Yet the Canadian Olympic Committee is demurring more from Canada's underfunded sports machine. COC president Michael Chabbert expects an upsurge from four years ago, when the 309 athletes sent to Sydney returned with just 14 medals and a 7th place finish. Chabbert wants Canada to vault to eighth in the medal count among the 202 nations represented in Athens. If there was gold for medal-holding, he would be in the running, but Chabbert makes no apologies. "That's what high performance sport Olympic sport is all about," he says, "realizing the dream that may be beyond what the stars seem to show is possible."

For the Greeks, the Games opening festivities proved heartening. They'd confronted crises by finally whipping their way into Olympic form, only to find two of their star sprinters caught in a potential doping scandal. Ekaterina Thanas, 194-m silver medalist in Sydney, and Kostas Koderis, the supreme 200-m champion at the 2000 Games, were to be headed before an International Olympic Committee disciplinary hearing Monday for missing a drug test. The potential expulsion of two Greek medal hopefuls was nothing less than a national crisis. Still, for a few hours Friday they put aside their woes to embrace the national spectacle of the opening ceremonies. The jam-packed and wildly overbooked sports stadium—think Maracanã's Big One, but with style, grace and a viable roof—was transformed into an elaborately appointed 72,000-seat arena. The show—well, flying Greek gods, a water-filled playing field and a playful,

BY CHARLIE GILLIS

modern rule on the history of the Olympic homeland—lived up to its billing in “an epic story very much on a human scale.”

And in some ways, the spectacle outside the stadium is as impressive. Helicopters, jet fighters and dinghies patrol the sky, while a security force of more than 70,000 guards, soldiers and police keep a watchful eye—and ear—on the public. A high-tech surveillance network deployed around the city searches for suspicious faces, while computers scan crowds, image files, phone calls and even conversations on the street for anti-Olympic words and phrases. The Greeks are spending \$1.9 billion in an effort to thwart a terrorist attack. Some of their precautions are unseemly—a battery of Patriot missiles overlooks the canoe/kayak venue, but David Nisner, who won double team gold four years ago in Sydney, is determined not to let women spoil his Olympic experience. “I had requests from close friends and my friends not to march in the opening ceremonies, but I felt it was my duty,” he said.

In fact, so far, there has been more focus on the city’s awe-inspiring transformation than on any potential disaster. “What we promised, we delivered,” said a pride-filled Gianni Angelopoulos. Diakelis, president of the Athens Organizing Committee. Traffic is flowing, the transportation system works, and while the landscaping is a bit primitive—masses of dirt punctuated by a few tall flowers—the venues are receiving high marks. “We were here in April and I couldn’t understand how they were going to be ready,” said Nicole Cingolli of Rimini, a member of the synchronized swimming team. “But it’s gorgeous.” The athletes’ village, located far enough out of the overhyped downtown that a breeze occasionally nuzzles the flags, is spacious and comfortable. Montreal-based athlete Kozha Mergen could only come up with one minor complaint: “The air conditioning is so cold that I have to wear my full tracksuit to bed.”

These Games will reach a projected world TV audience of four billion, but spectators are sitting on a pile of angry tickets. They aren’t yet out of the money, saying sales will top 60 percent of the \$2.5 billion goal—like the same at night. Waiting until the last minute has worked so far. Why change now? ■



The drug scandal that won't go away

HE WAS, UNTIL recently, the fastest man in the world, and he still might be able to outrun the doping police. But on a sun-splashed track in Sacramento, Calif.—with even normally supportive NBC announcers voicing doubts about his future—Tim Montgomery’s troubles caught up with him. In the 100 m final of last month’s U.S. track and field Olympic trials, the explosive sprinter from South Carolina clocked a dismal 10.13 seconds, good for only seventh in the race and

too slow to qualify for the Summer Games in Athens. It was far enough off Montgomery’s world-record time of 9.78 to reinforce suspicions that he was using banned drugs when he set the mark back in 2002. And the court of public opinion was quick to judge as Montgomery tried to leave the field, pushing his way through a crush of reporters, a cynical spectator was heard grumbling as he passed: “I don’t want to follow no loser.”

Whether they’re stressed out by controversy, or whether they really did need drugs to excel, America’s fastest tracksters are feeling faster than their legal options, and fans are catching a strong whiff of their desperation. Montgomery was one of several names implicated in the burgeoning U.S. doping scandal who mysteriously failed to make the cut in Sacramento. Jeering him on the sidelines are Chrysos Jones, a former national 100-m outdoor champion, and Alvin Harrison, the 2000 Olympic silver medalist in the 400 m. Kelly White, the 2000 100-m world



The charges against Montgomery helped put Jones in the BALCO spotlight, too

champion, had already been banned from the sport for two years, and middle-distance runner Michelle Collins withdrew during Olympic trials in Sacramento, citing a hamstring injury. She had already been notified by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency that she faces a lifetime ban from her sport.

The damage spread farther in late July, when reports surfaced that Montgomery’s girlfriend, sprinter Marion Jones, was accused by her ex-husband of taking human growth hormone when the won five medals

at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney. Jones, who has lately denied using drugs, managed to qualify for Athens in the long jump, but suffered a similar fall-off in performance on the track at the U.S. trials, posting 80th in the 100 m and pulling out of the 200 m altogether.

Nor is this seems like cause to celebrate. As with any publicity disaster, there’s a fine line in the way against performance-enhancing drugs between exposing suspected cheats and deepening public cynicism. While

initial impressions of the now-famous investigation into the Bay Area Laboratory Co-operative suggested a handful of guilty athletes—the “bad-apple” theory advanced by U.S. track officials—it has since become clear that drug misdeeds have been rampant in the athletic world. Critical investigations have connected amateur and professional sportsman alike to BALCO, the San Francisco-area maker of dietary supplements that is accused of diverting the previously undetectable steroid THG. And drug interdiction is fast becoming the theme of the Athens Games: since July 1, eight competitions from six nations have been barred for doping violations. That doesn’t include Kostas Kerkiras and Boatsiris Thanasiou, the Greek tracksters who, in a bizarre drama last week, missed their pre-competition drug tests, then wound up in hospital after a motorcycle accident.

Now, at last, the premises of doping appear to be striking in with the American public. An Associated Press poll published in April found that some 92 per cent of Americans consider steroids a problem in sport, with 43 per cent describing it as a major problem. In late

January’s State of the Union address, President George W. Bush said doping athletes “endanger young men thinking” there are shortcuts to accomplishment, and that performance is more important than character.

Fearing the same as one of record three and national pride is exactly what anti-doping officials hope to do. “I do a lot of talk shows in the version told in the U.S.,” says Dick Pound, head of the Montreal-based World Anti-Doping Agency, and member of the International Olympic Committee. “It’s amazing. They’re starting to say, ‘Hey, that’s not America!’” At the same time, it’s part of Pound’s job as a member of the Olympic movement to keep public concern from hardening into cynicism. Backing up doping convictions isn’t enough, he knows, sporting authorities have to convince their worldwide audience—especially Americans—that the athletes they’re watching are clean.

That’s more complicated than it sounds. While sporting authorities are working overtime to restore public faith, there’s a small

FIVE-RING FACTS

The International Olympic Committee isn’t just banning drug cheats. Last month, the World Anti-Doping Agency was named as the IOC member’s compliance champion. And the IOC also suspended Johnson’s from St. Louis jumping, an investigation into his drug use. A suspension was also levied for other athletes for the 2002 Games.

If You are the Current or Former Owner of Property in which Entran II Hose was or is used for Radiant Heating or Snowmelting

You could get a payment from a class action settlement.

There is a proposed Settlement of two class-action lawsuits, *Kishner et al. v. The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company et al.* and *Culnan v. The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company*. The first lawsuit is pending in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice. The second lawsuit is pending in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. The lawsuits concern Entran II hose used in Canada and the United States. (The lawsuit does not include Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, Connecticut and Rhode Island.) Entran II was manufactured and sold by The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company and Goodyear Canada Inc. ("Defendants").

What is the Litigation About?

Plaintiffs allege that the Defendants manufactured defective Entran II hose. The product was used in radiant heating and snowmelt systems. They claim the hose is prone to leaking when operated under normal conditions. Entran II was also known as *Twinstar Advance*, *Entran II Tracer*, *Entran II Wave*, *Entran II*, *Entran 2 Tracer*, and *Entran 2 Wave*. Defendants deny all claims of wrongdoing made by Plaintiffs. Defendants believe that if properly maintained Entran II hoses do not cause a problem.

Who is involved?

You may be a member of the Settlement Class if you are the current or former owner of property in which the Entran II hose has been installed. The property must be in Canada or the United States, its territories and possessions. If you own or owned property in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, Connecticut or Rhode Island in which Entran II was or is installed, you are not part of this lawsuit. To see if you are covered by this Settlement you should check the Settlement Web site or call the toll free number below.

What are the Settlement Terms?

The Settlement Fund will be between \$166 million and \$236 million (U.S.). Defendants will pay this amount over five (5) year period. Depending upon the number of claims, Class Counsel estimate some Class Members may receive as much as 40% of the cost of remediation. Information on the specific relief Class Members can expect is detailed in a document entitled the Plan of Allocation and Distribution. Class Counsel developed the Plan with the assistance of the Special Master appointed by the Court and other interested parties. The Plan is available on the Settlement Web site or by calling the number below.

Class Counsel will provide the Court for reasonable attorneys' fees in an amount not to exceed \$38.6 million or 30% of the Settlement Fund, and expenses payable from the Settlement Fund.

What Are My Legal Rights?

• If you wish to remain a member of the Settlement Class, you do not have to do anything. But, to share in the Settlement Fund you must file a claim as discussed below. If the Court approves the proposed Settlement you will receive the benefits of the proposed Settlement. You will also be bound by all the court orders. This means you will deprive claims you may have against the Defendants that are covered by the Settlement.

• If you wish to file a claim, you must complete a Claim Form. You can get a Claim Form by contacting the Claims Administrator in writing, at the address given below, or by calling the toll-free number it is also available on the Settlement Web site. Claim Forms must be signed and postmarked no later than October 19, 2009.

• If you do not wish to be a member of the Settlement Class, you must sign a Request for Exclusion letter as outlined on the Settlement Agreement and Notice. Your request must be postmarked no later than May 7, 2004.

When Will the Settlement Be Approved?

The Ontario Superior Court of Justice will hold a Hearing to decide if the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate October 26, 2004. The Hearing will be held at 10 a.m. in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, 360 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M5G 1T3.

In addition, the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey will hold a Fairness Hearing to decide if the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate before the 2008 Summer Games. But the big test comes that week in Athens. "Will all this controversy cause people to become curious and come watch their TV?" Vesin says. "Or will people just think athletes are a bunch of druggies, and that they're not going to watch their time?"

If you remain a member of the Settlement Class, you or your counsel have the right to appear before the Court and object to the Settlement. However, in order to object, you must file a written objection, as outlined in the Settlement Agreement and Long Form Notice. (Objections must be filed by May 7, 2004.)



Gibson (center) and Terrell (right) were both charged with drug violations.

but influential school of critics who believe an audience could see just what the athletes' world needs. Chief among them is

Chuck Vesin, a health policy professor and steroids expert from Penn State University in University Park, Pa., who describes Pound and national anti-doping agencies as "the Baghdad Boys" of sport-military officials who claim to be winning the war when every tank is rolling through their streets. Sporting officials, he argues, have little incentive to expose the true breadth of the doping problem, and won't even start wading with their feet.

Vesin's does view the BALCO case as progress. "I see aggressive police action as the best hope," he says, noting that the U.S. TV audience for the Sacramento trials declined 30 per cent from a similar broadcast before the 2000 Summer Games. But the big test comes that week in Athens. "Will all this controversy cause people to become curious and come watch their TV?" Vesin says. "Or will people just think athletes are a bunch of druggies, and that they're not going to watch their time?"

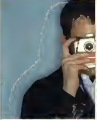
If that does take off, the conversation understandably will reach all the way to the professional leagues, which are widely viewed as the next front in the war on doping. Many critics believe pro sports have turned a blind eye to performance-enhancing substances over the past two decades, while their players morphed into muscle-bound giants

Professional basketball and baseball only recently introduced random testing for steroids and stimulants, while the National Football League has had year-round testing for 14 years. The National Hockey League has random testing as well, and more of the pro leagues' anti-doping programs conform to World Anti-Doping Agency standards.

The results, says Bruce Kidd, dean of physical education at the University of Toronto, is a mixed message for young athletes. "The message still to be conveyed is significant," he says, "and that won't change until the pro leagues, and particularly the pro athletes' associations and unions, accept that the standard of conduct in sports is drug-free." But Kidd, a former middle-distance runner who represented Canada at the 1984 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, sometimes hope. He's been pleasantly surprised by the newly aggressive stance of the U.S. authorities, and believes athletes are generally more aware of the health risks posed by performance-enhancing substances than they were before the BALCO case.

How fans will react over the long haul remains to be seen. The man who called Montgomery a "loser" in Sacramento didn't say what prompted his outburst, and it's rather tempting to speculate: Was excessive Montgomery may have taken drugs, setting a poor example for aspiring athletes and bring ing disgrace upon his country? Or was it just because he didn't win?

DO YOU HAVE THE LATEST HIGH-TECH TOYS?



FIND OUT IN MACLEAN'S CONSUMER TECH ISSUE

A look at the must-have gadgets and services no self-respecting consumer should be without. It's technology for those who don't speak geek.

On sale August 30 Available at fine magazine retailers everywhere.

MACLEAN'S

For information on the Proposed Settlement, Your Rights and a Copy of the Notice and Claim Form:

Visit: www.entraniiisettlement.com Call: 1-800-254-9222

or Write: Entran II Claims Administrator, P.O. Box 1051, Fort Erie, Ontario L2A 6C7

PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE COURT

ON THE WEB For more Summer Games coverage, including daily updates, photo galleries, radio audio and more, visit www.maclean.ca/s04en2004

My 'second biggest challenge'

Arten Price knows a thing or two about overcoming odds. Price, 38, beat cancer as a kid and now, as the co-owner on Canada's men's eight rowing team, has a new goal—Olympic gold. Just before leaving for Athens, Price will train at the elite Bixler Rowing Camp, a camp near Perry Sound, Ont., for kids with cancer.

"The [at] for girls issued a challenge that everyone go to dinner with their nails painted, so we just walked up. It's not every day you get your nails painted different colours."

"I went to Camp Decalgens where I was 9. I stayed in as a counsellor, spending a total of 13 years there. I had leukemia from the age of 7 to 12. It took 4½ years to be in full remission. The chemotherapy and drugs I

had to take affected my thyroid, so I didn't grow to the size I should be. My brother and my dad are both about five foot 11. I'm only five foot four and 120 lb. Turns out I would never have had an opportunity to go to the Olympics if not for cancer. An ideal weight for a coxswain in men's eight is 130 lb."

"The more kids get into a positive frame of mind, the better chance they have of beating cancer. Camp is such a positive environment and helped shape me into who I am. Whenever I left camp I was on Cloud 9. I remember being in awe when Chris Leif, the champion bobsledder, visited the camp."

"The camp motto—"We have failed only when you have failed to try. Act as if it were impossible to fail and it will be"—was something I've never forgotten. The Olympic

Games is the second biggest challenge in my life. If I carry that motto into the Olympics, we can do anything. It's my first Games so I'm excited. Over the past 2½ years we have not lost an important international race, which is great. But it comes down to one race and my team can raise its game for one race. There is a lot of pressure."

"But having cancer as a kid is way harder than being a competitive rower. After beating cancer, everything else is icing on the cake. Luckily for me, my scab is getting pretty thick because I have been able to do a lot of really neat things. Going to the Olympics is just one of them. As far as the nail polish, maybe we'll get a different colour to match our boat—a red rather than a pink. Maybe it'll match our uniforms."



Olympic team rowers Price (second at left) and Rutledge visit a camp for kids with cancer where Price, who beat leukemia, spent 13 summers.



CANADA'S BEST SCHOOLS

From academics to sports, we celebrate some of the top public high schools across the country

CHOICE. IT'S UNQUESTIONABLY THE BIGGEST BUZZWORD in education these days. And Canadians' options have proliferated over the past 15 years. It's never been easier to send Zoe or Zach to a private school or private at the handful of provinces where subsidies have led to lower tuition. Across the country, as independent schools are proliferating, are public schools in the religious, cultural or linguistic environment of their (or their parents') choosing, some offering enriched academic programs. But let's face it. Most of our kids—90 per cent, in fact—are going to a public high school. You know the one. It's the reason we need more choice. At least,

that's the story we're endlessly told: Canada's public and Catholic high schools are too big. They don't prepare our kids to compete in the global economy; they breed drug use and violence. They pander to kids with pop and punk food from vending machines. Or, as the statistics, data-based organizations for Quality Education suggests, they're monolithic institutions that simply can't meet the needs of every child.

Undoubtedly, there's some truth in that last allegation. Downloading links and large class sizes do make it harder to focus on every kid. But are Canada's publicly funded high schools

really so lacking? Not according to the responses to our call last February for nominations of excellent schools across the country. These suggestions—from parents, teachers, principals and students (past and present)—highlighted a wide range of programs, teaching styles and school cultures, as well as an unmistakable passion for the schools in question. "There may be wealthier neighbourhoods," writes a Toronto mother, "but there is no school anywhere that could provide a better environment for nurturing the young adults who are our future. The teachers truly care. They will be remembered in the hearts of

the habits, and certainly the parent, Koser?"

Another parent boxed us a four-page brochure about how his daughter struggled to learn English after immigrating to Vancouver from China at the age of 11. "I cannot thank the school enough for my daughter's achievements both in academic areas and ethics," he writes. "Encourage kids to [his school] and participate in the education of your children, and they will have your dream become true."

Presented with such burning testimonials, we set down to narrow the field. Our job, it must be stressed, was not to rank the entries. Rather, than trying to identify the top schools—a herculean task considering there are more than 36,000 schools across the country—Maclean's and project partner Today's Parent decided simply to shine some light on those that have found innovative and effective ways to engage kids and steer them toward success. Today's Parent showcases 48 great elementary and middle schools in its September issue, now on newsstands. Our results, meanwhile—37 high schools and three programs—include one place where students have a say in who gets hired. Another boasts a principal who'll do almost anything to inspire his students—his actions include wove-eating and head-shaving. We also feature schools that cater to specific populations, are leading pro exclusively for pregnant and parenting teenagers and another that stays open till midnight so that budding artists can strut their stuff.

It's true that geographic boundaries limit high-schoolers' choice of where to study. But identifying the programs, events, teaching styles and administrators that make a nonlocal school seem worthwhile. After all, it's that sense of advantage or desire and aspiration that is at the heart of all great schools.

As for methodology: Katherine Partridge, a Cobourg, Ont.-based communications specialist, led the foundation for this Maclean's/Today's Parent project. After combing through dozens of studies on successful schools, she developed a questionnaire that was fed to 60 education experts, parents, teachers and principals. Partridge then distilled material from these interviews into a list of criteria for creating the best possible school experience that list became the basis of a nomination form posted on our website (www.macleans.ca). A team of Maclean's editors, deftly guided by researcher-reporter Keri Marley, sifted through more than 300 responses—and consulted other sources—to settle on the 48 schools featured here. **SUE FERGUSON**

MARC GARNEAU'S TOPS, TORONTO

The TOPS program at Toronto's Marc Garneau Collegiate brings together 740 resource-rich kids with a special gym for math and science. The four-year program consistently draws out scholarship winners and out-voicing post-secondary students. But the program isn't just about academics. 800 desks speak of the deep bonds they form with each other—especially during annual trips for each grade—and with their teachers (four of whom hold Prince Michael's Award for teaching). Two of this year's graduates and an instructor share their thoughts.

LINDSEY KETTEL, 18

"Our science teacher, Mr. van Rossum, was a teacher for 13 years. Every year he brings in a bag of third quarters, mineral systems and head for the Grade 10 class. He'll stand around a tray with four different kinds of for each and points to, 'Look at the list from the inner ring, how it's so far.' I don't eat red meat, so in Grade 10 I loved. But the next year I went back, and that year I was a change of food system. Our teachers push you, and I needed to be pushed that way."

ASHWARYA KANAKARAJU, 18

"[English teacher] Mr. Murray makes you fight for your opinions. He and I have this funny relationship—we both love language, so we try to share knowledge points all each other. It's this sort of camaraderie that builds TOPS. The teachers see us as so much more than we think we are. It's a bit scary because you don't know whether you'll ever be able to meet their expectations, but they know full well you're going to low doing whatever they push you to."

MICHAEL MCMASTER, 16, TOPS READ

"These bright students have all ways been one of the most neglected groups in the education system. They're seen as a success story, but they're barred out of their schools. If teachers decide to push them, so this for the first time in their lives they actually have to think, it means a great deal of confidence. For the teachers as well, TOPS courses are more work than regular ones, because the questions tend to be much more demanding and subtle. These kids, if you don't know your stuff, will look for cracks in your academic armor." **KARIN MARLEY**

A-plus learning



TOPS students
Ashley Leung Giff,
Amy Mann, Tisham
Keller, Scott Giffney

OTHER ACADEMIC LIGHTS

LEIGAR COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE
OTTAWA

One of the oldest high schools in Canada, Leigar has a 146-year reputation as a solid academic institution. But it's always looking to add innovative programs—such as an interdisciplinary civilities and computers course launching this fall, which will involve predicting what society will be like in the future. With more than 60 per cent of the 780 students in the gifted program, the school has the aura of a private school. "But we're very aware of being public," says principal Patricia Irving. "We put an emphasis on sharing our knowledge and privilege."

ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE PARLAVUE
MONTREAL

English teacher Lisa Miller knows more about her students than she ever expected to. "I certainly didn't have this kind of close relationship with my teachers when I was in high school," says the Timmins native. The tiny school of 150, in which the average class has only 14 students, allows teachers time to give individual help. The French-language Institute also adds a common bond: "Cultural pride," says Miller, "makes our community very tight-knit."

STANFORD COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL
EDMONTON

The school's leader at applying new teaching methods, from mind-mapping to variations on escape to action map exercises to action research (forming individual strategies for at-risk kids based on their strengths and weaknesses). **K. MARLEY**

“

PRINCE ANGEL HEWITT, 16
SCHELS COLLEGE, PRINCE

Since Leigar Collegiate Institute, Ottawa. My favorite subject was French, and I had a wonderful teacher, Ms. [who] to speak French has been a great help when I'm in learning computers such as [and] and [and] to their music is linked with the words and poetry of their native tongue."

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z 1 2 3 4 5

Arts smarts

CANTERBURY HIGH OTTAWA

Almost everything that goes into the vibrant life of Ottawa's Canterbury High School and its well-known arts programs is positive and mutually reinforcing. The school is graced by 800 gifted arts students, some who take twice daily two-hour bus rides to get there and back—and all of whom have learned tough auditions to be among the half of applicants who make it in. (More than two-

thirds of these are girls, which cuts down on the troublesome testosterone factor.) There are parents who continue fundraising even after their child drops graduate. The arts students inspire the 900 local kids who also want to take up singing and dancing.

Highly motivated students inspire a dedicated staff to put in extra hours, grateful, as one English teacher puts it, that they "can devote 99.9 per cent of our time to teaching, not half of it to behaviour modifications." Kids from any of the five arts divisions

(visual, dance, drama, music and literary—the last a rarity in Canada) support their peers in the other groups, stepping to offer applause for a band's ball concert, or interposing poems within wall murals.

And then there's the principal who, in the affirming words of one teen, "is even more courageous than some of the drama students." Frank Wiley, 43, struts and struts when such comments are repeated to him, but he does visibly thrum with energy. A good thing, too. Wiley has been on the job

two years, and he has spent more time than he wants on coping with what he knows on calling a funding "challenge." When Canterbury took on its current role in 1983, the Ottawa school board was able to provide it with the additional money that an arts school requires. Canterbury spends \$15,000 annually on students alone. But after the Ottawa government changed school funding in the 1990s, that extra support began dropping, reaching almost zero as Wiley came aboard

in 2002. Last year, Wiley wrote to the parents and issued "an invitation to an upgrade challenge."

Wiley's students, meanwhile, are deeply involved in their community. They play music in veterans' homes and face paint at children's events. They're decorated a hospital floor with their paintings, not to mention by tech billionaire Terry Matthews' own Brookmont House, where every one

CLASSROOMS OF CREATIVITY

ARTIST SECONDARY SCHOOL NORTH VANCOUVER

How Canadiana symphony anthems get to have regular stage hours. But at Artist Secondary, such gigs are a given. Every second year, about a quarter of the school's 458 band students and 200 choir members travel to the Canadian Rocky Mountain Festival in Banff, Alta. Every alternate year, the senior students perform in an exotic location—last year it was Hawaii. No wonder the school boasts such grads as Bryan Adams, Saul Desjardis' Trevor Guthrie and National Arts Centre Orchestra flautist Emily Smeethurst. **CARDINAL CARTER ACADEMY FOR THE ARTS** TORONTO

The dance, music, visual art and drama students at this suburban school all have "a talent which is a gift from God," says Angela Bakula, principal at this Catholic institution. "They have an obligation to put this talent to use, to help define the human condition." These youngsters have shown—by designing the school chapel and mounting their spring concerts, dramatic productions and elaborate dance nights, as well as almost weekly performances—that they have the fire to do that.

CHRYSTAL PROGRAM TORONTO

Two Toronto high schools, Don Mills Collegiate and Northview Heights, have partnered with the University of Waterloo's Sheridan College (a collaboration with the Ontario College of Art and Design is also being formalized) to allow kids to get their start in the highly competitive field before graduation. As well as teaching desktop publishing, website design, Photoshop and other skills, the program takes a focus on literacy, communication and personal growth. **K. WOODLEY**

of the 1,500 arrivals is by a guest artist at Canterbury studio. The school's results are impressive—among the students with established careers in entertainment are Tyke Ronn (Jimmy and other musicals) and Jyllia Holmes (Mr. Dancer), while 90 per cent of grads go on to post-secondary education. But even more impressive is the whole atmosphere of the place, where hallways and classrooms are crowded with students who radiate loads of enthusiasm—almost as much as Wiley himself. **DEAN BERNARD**

Canterbury's fine
dancers and literary
highly do the
work-up exercises

Principal power

PORTER CREEK
WHITEHORSE

Despite his 25 years as an educator, Kerry Hall, principal of Porter Creek Secondary School in Whitehorse, has never completely grown up. And he's proud of it. His office is filled with photos of his legendary stunts, such as being duct-taped to a wall or wearing a rat. "My name," says Hall, 52, "makes students feel good about being here."

AMITY GATES, MOM OF MEGAN, GRADE 12: "He's known for his ties—he figures he has 140 or 150, from the sublime to the ridiculous. When we went to England a couple of summers back, Megan missed an evening concert that had London on it for him. My daughter was in a car accident a day after her eighth birthday and was in a coma for two weeks. After that, she's had some physical and learning disabilities. When we first registered Megan at the school, I remember Kerry saying, 'Whatever she needs, we will do our best to help her.' He's held true to that promise—Megan has made the boys' and girls' roll in each of her high school years."

LINDSEY HALL, 25, 10TH GRADE:

"At my grad, we were allowed to pick our guest speaker, and we picked him. All the students were so close with him, especially my class. When he went up there, he told little stories about all of us."

GYM TEACHER PHIL MACDONALD, 38:

"He challenged kids this year that for each

“

OWEN ADAMS, ADJUTANT CLERK, 31:

WALTER L. MANN, ENGLISH TEACHER,

LEGISLATIVE INSTITUTE, OTTAWA:

"The person who influenced me most in my life, besides my father, was my English teacher Mr. Mackenzie. Mr. Mackenzie was an incredibly humane person who loved books and loved writing. He is a person I will always be grateful to have known."



gold medal we won in volleyball he would sit with us. At the end of the season he ended up saving five of them. He was going to get a statue of the school's mascot if we could get the last one too, but we didn't. I think actually he really wanted that statue and wanted an excuse to get it."

TEACHER CYNDY PETERSON, 40:

"This year was the first I was teaching entrepreneurship, and we had the idea of creating a school store. We even created a

list of items I can speak publicly without being tongue-tied. We picked one out in secret. I was a bit shy to enter the Rotary public speaking contest. I entered the school's business to the Ottawa area and won No. 2 in 1994.

"When I was on TV, I had heard me on occasion of notes that were very funny and yet very accurate. The note would begin, 'We spent a lot of time studying you. The other day you said...' The note would explain the error and then conclude with, 'The ground is a mass, as you, of course, or lately, will remember.'

"He did this six years ago. He was around for the 150th anniversary of the school. We were all asked whether we wanted to have a barbecue, cocktail party or something. And I wrote back and said, 'What I would come back for is for Mr. Mackenzie to give us another English class.' And that Saturday evening they had to move more than 200 of us to the cafeteria. Mr. Mackenzie is with his head cast, and very slightly slumped. He then gave a lesson on the poetry of D.H. Lawrence."

Mr. Hall's hobby: head-doll, which speaks to the extent that the student body loves him.

STEPHANIE JOHNSON, 18, 20TH GRADE:

"I've had a pretty rough time in high school. When my parents split town, I wanted to drop out and get a job. Mr. Hall came and showed me all my grades and was like, 'You're working so hard, you can't give up.' He's given me more than \$600 for plane tickets for basketball trips, my jersey—all out of his own pocket."

K. MARLEY

Cormorants... Nature out of Balance

Brother Beach, Kingston



Is this the Ontario some
"Environmentalists" would like to see?

An overpopulation of cormorants is devastating our natural resources and the environment. Let the Minister of Natural Resources know that you support the expanded control of cormorants in Ontario.

For years only one organization, the O.F.A.H., has boldly spoken out on cormorant control. For more information visit the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters' web site at www.ofah.org/cormorants



O.F.A.H. the Voice of Anglers and Hunters

OTHER STELLAR SCHOOL LEADERS

FRANCIS KELLEY SECONDARY SCHOOL
MILL BAY, B.C.

Alvin Macdonald, 46, has been involved with the school of 1,200 from its inception. When the school board decided to build a new school in 1988, he campaigned for a self-sustaining environment, and then helped choose everything from staff to architecture. So when the board threatened to transfer Macdonald this year, parents and students mounted a protest. And they succeeded—Macdonald will finish his career next year at the school he loves, nine years after he was supposed to retire.

MICHAEL HIGH SCHOOL
KIMMONTON

Principal George Iles, 56, is convinced one of the keys to school excellence is focusing on marks. "I believe in having the courage to deal with results in an open and constructive manner," he says. Since he started as principal 11 years ago, all teachers, including himself, have had their unsatisfactory classroom results—grades, attendance, course completion—made available throughout the school, and to parents. He also writes detailed annual reports for all 60 teachers at the

1,100-student institution. Results—and school pride—have improved.

SIMCOE COMPOSITE SCHOOL
SIMCOE, ONT.

Watching his school's gym burn down last Thanksgiving was "a surreal experience," says principal Bob Foster, 53. But instead of just rebuilding the lost facility, he launched a campaign to raise funds for construction this fall and winter of a \$2.5 million triple gym. He even agreed to work half a year for free as a volunteer at the gym to help with financing.

K. MARLEY

UNIQUE PLACES, DISTINCT NEEDS

SIR JAMES WHITNEY SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, BELLEVILLE, ONT.

Bilingualism is a necessity, not an option, for the 50 students—about half of them in high school—at Sir James Whitney, Ontario's first permanent school for the deaf, established in 1870. But we're not talking English and French. From an early age, kids are taught both American Sign Language, which has no written form, and written English, translating between the two is trickier than between Canada's two official languages, says principal Macklin Youngs. Youngs should know—he is the school's very first deaf principal, so he completely understands the challenges, and rewards, of living in both the deaf and hearing worlds.

EMERY ADULT LEARNING CENTRE, TORONTO

For many of its students, Emery is the first step towards achieving their dreams in a new homeland. The school, located in a working-class area of Toronto, has some 1,500 students, 75 per cent of them recent immigrants from 60 countries, and mostly in their 30s. Over 50 per cent already have at least a high school diploma, but Emery helps them acclimate to Canada's job market and learn English through its wide array of co-op programs. "Our students get experience and credits," says outgoing principal Peter Abbott. "It allows them to prove themselves here in Canada."

DISCOVERING CHOICES PROGRAM, CALGARY

Eleven years ago, the Calgary board of education decided that something had to be done about its high dropout rates. The solution was Discovering Choices, an outreach program in which students who had trouble fitting in at traditional high schools for any of a variety of reasons could engage in individual learning at their own pace. The four locations are non-traditional venues where kids are less likely to feel closed in—a former Toyota Bank branch, for instance—where counselors are a help available. But what keeps students hooked is the special relationships they develop with teachers—as one of them, Jane Watson, says, "once they're there, often we can't get rid of them." Quite a turnaround for those at-risk kids.

K. MAILEY

A class of their own



Melissa, with Jazmine, found strength in a school for young mothers

BRAEMAR SCHOOL EDUCATION

Melissa Mendes was 35 and five months pregnant, hiding the fact from her mother, her friends and her teachers. "I felt very alone and afraid," she says. "I didn't know what was to come of my life." The Edmonton girl got away when her mother finally saw through the deception, she was "heart and confused—she couldn't believe that could happen to her daughter." But soon she sought help and quickly found out about Braemar School, operated by Edmonton Public Schools, a place for pregnant and parenting girls between 14 and 19. Within

a week, Melissa transferred to Braemar, four months later her daughter, Jazmine, was born. In June, shortly before Jazmine's second birthday, Melissa received her high school diploma, and now she intends to pursue a social work degree. "I want to help others," says the 18-year-old, "because I've received so much help going through this."

In addition to following the standard Alberta curriculum, Braemar offers an 130 students opportunities they could not get elsewhere. There's an on-site daycare run by the Terra Association, a non-profit group dedicated to helping teenage mothers that co-founded the school almost three decades ago. Counseling is available on parenting, birth control and career planning. Classes are small (usually between five and 15 students), and teachers often extend the unique processes their students are under-

But Braemar's academic standards are, if anything, more rigorous than those of mainstream high schools. "If they miss an essay or fail to turn in an assignment, they are required to make it up," says principal Louise Oland. "The teachers have raised the bar for these girls, and they have risen to it. As a result, some students who used to fail in school become honour students here."

Most Braemar students are not as fortunate as Melissa, who continues to live with and have the support of her mother. Typically, says Oland, the students live on their own and in poverty. But she is constantly impressed by their determination. "They have made a commitment to education," she says. "They are working really hard so they can do better for their babies."

A key advantage for the young mothers in Braemar, many of them estranged at other former schools, is the support they receive from each other. "When I came here, it was a little tough," says Melissa. "I was very shy and kept to myself. But it wasn't long before I made some pretty strong friendships. It's so much easier because we can talk about things that we've all been through."

Melissa has blossomed to the point where she now volunteers at a group home for troubled kids, serves as a spokesperson for the Terra Association and visits high schools to share her story. "I encourage the students to be true while they out," she says, "and warn them that decisions they make can have consequences for life." Melissa knows she's one of the lucky ones—and that without Braemar, the consequences for her could have been quite dire.

BRIAN BERGMAN

“

ONE RABBIT FOOT, NEWGARDIAN AND ACTRESS
SOOK HIN LEE

TED PIZALSKI, CREATIVE WRITING, ERIC
HAMMER SECONDARY SCHOOL, VANCOUVER

"I quit school when I was 15. I felt it was a large facilitating service—I found what the acquisition of credits who taught me a lot more meaningful things. Mr. Pizalski supported my decision. He said, 'I think you'll follow your path and it will lead you to good things.' He encouraged us to express our stories. He would bring his own poetry for us



to read, and his subtle side is a comedian and passage about comic-style and shows, it was during adult poetry, and I felt he really knew as much in listening we could find it without being sophisticated or stupid."

Rising up

COCHRANE HIGH REGINA

Like Tolstoy's happy families, thriving high schools can be able, at least in one crucial element—they are populated by students who want to be there. When a student body is less than motivated, when the majority were more weary than joy in education, a school's challenges rise exponentially. At Cochrane High School in Regina, which focuses on students with limited success elsewhere," says principal Greg Keson, "we kids labelled, mislabeled pulled aside—haven't exactly had a lot of positive experience in school before." What's more, 40 percent of the school's 600 students are First Nations, a population whose 40-percent dropout rate (about twice the already alarmingly high overall rate) bedevils educators across the country. Yet Cochrane is flourishing, thanks to dedicated staff and a student-driven approach to keeping kids motivated.

The school's special programs—many of them, Keson says, inspired by student suggestions—include several that ease the reality of students with attendance or anger management problems. There's also Kids First Day Care. Being able to take her two-year-old son, Regan, with her, says 19-year-old Native student Laurie Horowitz, is all that allows her to go to school. But Keson

MORE ADVERSITY BUSTERS

381 CHARLES TUPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL
VANCOUVER

It passed economically November when a student was beaten to death right outside school property in a racist attack. But the students and staff at St. Charles Tupper in central Vancouver learned action lessons and took training in facilitation skills to help heal the community. Many of the school's 1,800 students are from low-income families, and many have children of their own or suffer from serious disabilities. But since the dark days of last November, there's a new spirit in the air at St. Charles Tupper.

HARROW DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL
HARROW, ONT.

Against all odds, this rural school of 440 students celebrated its 130th anniversary in May. Harrow has been threatened with closure four times in the past 15 years, and despite vigorous protests, it faces another vote

next year. But it's also offering instruction and academic support. Chris Whitt, 17, says Cochrane's own, to seven-week work placements, is his lifeline. "It's really made a difference, it got me a great summer job as a cashier. We also take Career Ed., about rights and responsibilities in the workplace, and Native Studies—so I know where they're coming from."

Chris is one of the many students who swell the school's numbers in Grade 10,

sum vote in November. "The laws will be apart for a while," says Karen Fleming, who retired as principal in June. "They're building a new subdivision in the area, but people won't come if there isn't a school." JOHN G. BIERENBAKER HIGH SCHOOL, CALGARY

This blue-collar school used to be about "just getting the job done," says principal Bob Tink—a attitude that led to it being ranked 147th in the province's first issue report in 1999. This year it came 21st. What happened? "Basically, it was about getting the kids involved," says Linda Russell, the former principal who decided to turn things around through added athletics, extracurriculars and debating competitions, and a focus on professional development and teamwork for the teachers. Inevitably persuaded students, staff and the community of their stake in the school of 1,390 students. K. MARLEY

after they find themselves falling elsewhere in the system. In Grade 9 Cochrane will lose a lot of kids after Grade 10, when they're old enough to legally drop out, but its innovative efforts do lessen the tide. "A large number of our kids wouldn't be in school at all were it not for Cochrane," says social science teacher Jeanette Tolstonsky. "And when we do tap into their potential, you can see a child—a young adult—changing before your eyes, and you go 'Wow!'" E. BETHUNE



I know it with this because you saw there is a lot of adjectives and adverbs. She just wanted her name at me in total disgust."

AUTHOR ANTOINETTE MAILLET, 74, AFTER BLANDE DE VIGILIE, FRENCH AND LOUIS, CATHOLIC NOTRE DAME DE SACRE COEUR, MONTREAL, QUEBEC, ISLANDER OF COLLEGE NOTRE-DAME DE MONTELMON, QUEBEC. "Everything that she did was opposite to the typical man style. She laughed loud. She walked fast. She was so important to me that I wrote a book about her, Les Chénobios de Jeanne de Vigile. It's a collection of letters for girls in the 19th—then was unheard of the said, 'If academics are going to survive, we need education, and education for women.' She could discover in every girl the spark that would get them somewhere. She told me in modern words that I had to keep writing, I knew because of her that I must be a writer in writing."

ON SALE NOW!

WHEREVER MAGAZINES ARE SOLD

NATIONAL SPORT CALGARY

What do short-track speed skater Alexandra Kravtchuk, freestyle skier Deirdre Dinning and hockey player Jennifer Botterill have in common? In addition to being Olympic medal-winning athletes, all are graduates of the National Sport School. Building on the legacy of the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary, the National Sport School was founded in that city in 1994 as a way of giving aspiring elite athletes a chance to complete their high school education while meeting their training and competition commitments.

Opened jointly by the Calgary Board of Education and the Calgary Olympic Development Association, the public school serves 130 students, ages 14 to 29, from more than 20 sports. Class sizes are small, homework deadlines are negotiable, and tailored online services are available for when the student athletes are otherwise occupied—which is much of the time. "There's probably not one day in the whole year," says Rick Prosser, the school's acting principal, "where all 130 students are here at the same time."

The school isn't just a staging ground for superb athletes; it also produces students who excel academically. "Any high-performance athlete must become goal-oriented, manage their time effectively and be very focused," says Prosser. "Those are all skills crucial to academic success."

The students, who each pay an annual \$4,000 program fee, also benefit from being with those who have similar interests. "We all have the same goal—to excel in athletics," says swimmer Pascal Willick, 16, who just finished Grade 11. "We're friendly to each other, there are no envious here." Pascal, who has his sights set on the 2008 Olympics, credits his teacher with helping him hang up with his studies. "They are really supportive. Because classes are smaller, they're always available if you have questions."

Pascal says the school strives to install a sense of balance in students as they juggle the demands of sports and education. "These kids do sacrifice a lot in terms of their social life," he says. "But they also get to experience something many other students don't. There's a joy and passion that runs through them. And it's great to see." **B. EATSMAN**

Handi Karmali, a coach at Willick's school, with student Pascal Willick

Athletes' ABCs

OTHER PHYS. ED. POWERHOUSES

FREDERICK HIGH SCHOOL FREDERICTON

Rick Carter relives this year as head of physical ed. at Frederick High, leaving behind a legacy of winning teams and huge participation levels at Canada's oldest English high school. Not only did all four basketball teams win provincial championships in February, but another six of the 31 school teams were at the top for the province.

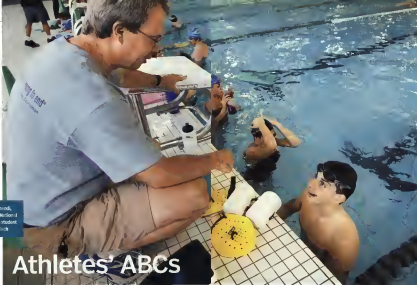
HARRY ARLEY HIGH SCHOOL EDMONTON

Every year, about 50 Harry Arley students pull together 750 athletes from across western Canada for basketball, volleyball and

soccer tournaments. Though the schools' own teams usually make it into local championship, the athletics program focus is more on building character and leadership.

ACES PROGRAM WHITBY/OREGON

Spending two nights in a tent in the Yukon winter is a fun way to get to know your limitations. The 10 to 15 Grade 10 students who take part each semester in the ACES experiential learning program run out of the local Wood Street Center embark on four such major expeditions, including snowmobiling, cross-country skiing and a 12-day canoe trip down the Stewart River. **K. SMILEY**



MORE ALL-ROUND WINNERS

SALFORD COLLEGIATE REDON

With a wellness centre promoting healthy living to various programs for at-risk kids, Salford really attends to its almost 1,400 students. Unlike many other academically focused schools, it isn't geared exclusively towards those going to university. And it features business and technology specialties such as a Gaze networking program, adaptive computer labs, wireless networks and a partnership with SASPower. **GLADSTONE SECONDARY SCHOOL, VANCOUVER**

Beside its location in Vancouver's rough East Side—a neighbourhood where 22 per cent of kids live in poverty and 28 per cent are from single-parent families, and where students have 42 different first languages—Gladstone has managed to become a great academic environment, sending 88 per cent of its 1,400 students on to post-secondary education. The school places a big emphasis on literacy—and on African. **CONTINENTAL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, GREENFIELD PARK, QUE.**

Perhaps it's no surprise that nearly a third of the kids at Continental Regional graduate with an above-80 average. Every year, the school hosts its 800th June program, a week of remediation and enrichment for the more than 1,500 students that includes intensive tutorials in various subjects. **K. MARLEY**

Plain great SISLER HIGH SCHOOL WINNIPEG

It all starts at the top, according to everyone at Winnipeg's Sisler High School. Everyone, that is, except the top himself, principal George Hedin, who's more inclined to credit his staff and nearly 1,600 students for his school's remarkable achievements. Sisler coaches have won six Prince of Wales Awards for excellence. Its choir and dancers hold numerous awards, while a group of 39 students won the Canada FIRST Robotics competition in 2003. The school teaches Construction Technology for

Women and university-level courses in calculus, physics and Latin. Its innovative Refugee and Ethnic program, which not only teaches students in one of the contemporary world's major issues but includes a 24-hour "experiential learning component"—some students play soldiers while others are cast as desperate refugees—brought a Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba Classroom Teacher Award to Chris Banfield, the instructor who developed it. Sisler even has a cricket team. And its students go on to post-secondary education at almost twice the national average.

But it's Hedin who has set the tone during his 24-year term as principal; a tenure well beyond the Canadian norm—Ontario parents can expect to see two or three principals

during their child's K to 12 life. That longevity has allowed him to "sink roots and start working out cooperatively with the teachers." That's crucial, says technology co-ordinator Dawn Magg says. "George supports people's ideas and lets them go with them, even when they're controversial." English teacher Susan Peterson, who started the school's successful series of all-girl classes, couldn't agree more: "I brought the idea to him in May of 1992, and he said 'Second good, start in September.'" According to Peterson's cricketers, students in the all-girl classes "which include power mechanics (cray)—silence makes 10 per cent higher than those in mixed classes, showing what can be gained 'by leaving their hormone in the hall.'" **B. BETHUNE**

W.J. MOUNT SECONDARY ABBOTSFORD, B.C.

Grade 12 is a time for graduating students to get the pedal to the metal—quite literally in the case of 18-year-old Jessica Ward and her classmates of the same age Tyler McMill. The two members of the drag racing program at W.J. Mount Secondary School in Abbotsford, B.C., 40 km southeast of Vancouver, marked their grad year with screaming car engines and smoking tires. School principal Don McKay and supportive teacher Richard Johnson say there are many measures of success, and one of them is the quarter-mile drag strip. They know that for every 12-second rocket ride the students take, they've invested long hours in the classroom and under the hood of the school's racing fleet. "It keeps kids in school," says Johnson.

The racing program, integrated into the school's automotive and mechanics courses, is one of many innovative ways Mount engages students across the academic spectrum. Elsewhere on the school, a poster displaying a classroom packed with the latest in computer technology holds out this promise: "The Geek Shall Inherit the Earth." Here, students in a busy jump start their way into a computing career or earn university credits via a partnership with Cisco Systems Inc., the computer networking giant. The program gives students an internationally recognized certification in Cisco's widely used routers, switches and networking equipment. "I think we probably have more career pathways open than anybody in the district right now," says Dave Davis, one of two Cisco-certified instructors. McKay beams a proud sigh. "They say what they need," he says, "and my job is to get it."

This commitment to technology touches almost every aspect of the school. Students at Mount's powerhouse sports teams, and others needing the flexibility to work from home or while on the road, can take classes online through Mount's virtual school. McKay meets regularly with a busy state advisory council. They tell him their needs and expectations from an employer's perspective, and McKay advocates on their students' behalf. The result is often a mutually beneficial partnership.

Innovation

Mount students in the racing program aren't a few students off.



When Abbotsford hosted the B.C. Summer Games in July, students in the school's automated design technology program created professional-quality signs and video banners for the event. The school, through judicious budgeting and industry partnerships, has invested heavily in computerized design technology. An trades workshop computers may end their work across the school to be gradually phased out, so that the school is always ready for the next drag race into a wooden plume, or splashed across the skin of a school dragon.

The racing program, started in 1992 with six other B.C. schools, was formed to get kids interested in getting out of the streets and onto the track. Tyler earned a coveted spot racing the school's race-modified and artfully decorated Jeep. "It's an adrenaline

rush," he says. "When it takes off, it really sucks you back into the seat." Jessica, a spirited individual who wants to become an automotive teacher herself, juggled three mechanics courses in her spring semester while racing a Camaro. "We had to rebuild the motor this year," she says. "Apparently I crashed four pieces in it last year." Both races agree the program is a great motivator. Keeping up their acid-rain marks is required to earn a spot on the driver's seat.

The Mount school motto—"Success for All"—is as bland as they come, but McKay's staff has worked hard to devise it from lively slogans to defining mandate. "It's something we live here, it's a culture," he says. "Every kid that walks through the front doors has to feel successful." **KIM MACQUINN**

CUTTING EDGE PROGRAMS ELSEWHERE

HEART BEAT OF HARTY HIGH SCHOOL ST. JOHN'S, Nfld.

If your school already sweeps local dirt and sand festivals, where do you go from there? Harty Heart decided to head into cyberspace. The school, which had already been part of an experimental flare antibiotic e-learning project, used the same technology to connect its exemplary music students and teachers with others, including in northern communities. Through the government-sponsored model project, numerous Canadian schools shared instruction, individual tutoring and concerts. Holy Heart even held sessions with musicians as far away as Quebec, Ohio.

HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL THUNDER BAY, Ont.

Thunder Bay is a gateway to the Canadian Shield lakes and forests of northwestern Ontario, so it seemed appropriate for the

science department at Hillcrest to offer a two-credit program that steers students towards a career in natural resource management. Training them in Global Positioning Systems, small engine repair, rope skills, field safety and the like.

SE ABINGDON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL LINDSEYVILLE, Ont.

St. Augustine tries to seamlessly incorporate Web-based learning into every subject. The school was one of the first in Canada to use Palm Pilots in the classrooms, and it has a voluntary laptop program. Every classroom computer has internet access. Like a line it makes students so comfortable with technology that it becomes second nature. English never study (journals are interactive and posted on the Web. Students explore scientific issues such as stem cell research and the Kyoto accord and set up their findings on websites. **K. MARLEY**

“

SARCEK SONGWATER STEPHEN WONG
KEDDINGHAM, N.S. Age 13
WES KILLMATH, HISTORY PORTER CREEK
SECONDARY SCHOOL, WHITEHORSE

He was a hero in his life and I used to stare at the first of his name in the newspaper for a while, but as soon as I was, I realized how good he

was. He came from a small town in Nova Scotia, and he had these great stories about growing up there, about growing up there, about growing up there, about growing up there, about growing up there. He was a hero in his life and I used to stare at the first of his name in the newspaper for a while, but as soon as I was, I realized how good he





"One long wild joy to read. It is a hilarious, heartbreaking, relentlessly honest celebration of survival."

Ernest Miller

IN BOOKSTORES NOW, FROM Random House Canada

Cover >

Club kids

EARL HAIG, TORONTO

Being a member of two school councils and two charity drives would be enough for most students, but recent Earl Haig Secondary School graduate Colleen Hainesport would more "I figured out at the beginning of this year that I hadn't really got the full high school experience," says the 17-year-old. But after adding another five projects to her plate last year, as well as co-founding an environmental club, she really felt like part of the school.

Haig is in the huge north Toronto school, home to more than 2,000 students, isn't easy. But because the school offers so many opportunities, there's a real community atmosphere. Earl Haig, also home to the Claude Watson arts program, often some 60 student clubs, many study trips and often several arts evenings in a single week. "It's really amazing seeing so many students involved," says teacher Walter Kaczmarek, who also holds the position of staff club leader. "They take ownership of the school and its activities." A section of Earl Haig's extracurricular offerings.

Manga and Anime Club: Thirty or so members meet weekly to discuss Japanese comics, writing their own or spin-off stories by year's end. "Manga has its own style—it's

real life, not just superheroes and stuff," says participant Jessica Li, 18.

Manga and Anime Club: Started after Kaczmarek misheard the name of the previous club, this small group met to discuss over their comic books, Comic U's (University of the Universe) Local only Council. Over a hundred students, divided into subcommittees, organize as many as an astounding five school-year activities a week.

A Mix or Variation: This art and literature magazine takes advantage of the school's talent, not to mention students dedicated to creative writing.

Bolix Chinese Magazine: This teen magazine, which features articles on fashion, trends and music, first appeared last year and is now presented at four issues annually. "One lunchtime, we decided to start a magazine," says co-founder Carol Haig, 17. "Then we realized how hard it would be."

VIBE: The 13-member hip-hop dance crew had 200 people audition in the past school year. "Any time on stage is our favorite time," says choreographer Kaitlyn Kim, 19. "Especially when we can't even hear the songs because the students are going so crazy."

Zoom Student Film Festival: Started eight years ago for things only, the festival now features 14 shorts from students across Toronto. Entries are judged by both teachers and SCTV alumnus Joe Flaherty and TVO producer Rita Sherrin. K. MARLEY

MORE SCHOOLS WITH COOL EXTRACURRICULARS

BLISS COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

OTTAWA

The 27 members of the drumming club occasionally play broken fingers or black eyes, but they also get to make up to \$1,000 for a 20-minute corporate gig (it goes back to the music department) identified after 10pm and directed by five arts department head Peter Messia. The group uses a portable PA, floor, boomboxes and garbage cans to create fun as rhythmic spectacles, which are in demand with local charities.

VAUGHAN SECONDARY SCHOOL

THORNHILL, ONT.

School radio is after a 10-hour after-school cast over the FM system before school announcements—before at Vaughan Secondary. Home of the first licensed on-air high school radio station in Canada, 98.7 AMV FM, the

school also carries an authentic, fully staffed club, thanks to student manager Rob Beale. The 30-year-old Torontoan began the club as a volunteer in 1998, after six years working in Toronto's radio. Regarding next February, the school will offer a communications technology course to high school graduates looking to get some training in radio.

RESPONSE SMITH CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

PETERBORO, ONT.

A trip to the Dominican Republic usually involves beaches and bikinis, not medical and school supplies. But the 18 students from Bishop Smith and partner school St. Joseph's High who competed for a spot on the annual humanitarian trip last February got to experience everyday reality on the Caribbean island. K. MARLEY

Crime



HOORAY FOR HEROES

Two B.C. men help victims in separate incidents—and pay a price

IT CAN BE dangerous being a good Samaritan. Just ask passengers aboard Kevin Noon, 20, of Richmond, B.C., viciously beaten after he tried to intervene in a violent dispute between a man and a woman. Or Don Miller, 48, of Surrey. Just Monday his early-morning drive became a desperate race to get a woman to safety—with the man she had been running from shooting at them.

Miller was in his wife's Honda Accord when, at 6:15 a.m. on Aug. 9, he saw Mirinda Seymour, 34, struggling with Antonio Pinheiro, with whom she had just broken up after a tense and sometimes violent relationship. Pinheiro, 47, was trying to pull her down a hill on the other side of the road, but Seymour managed to break free and run. As Pinheiro fired a handgun at her, Miller, who is the chief operating officer at the

Vancouver law firm Alexander & Associates, looked his hero to get her attention. He made it to his car.

Miller's passenger-side window was shattered as he was ejected from the car. He tried to do so off, but he managed to get Seymour, who had been hit four times, to an ambulance outside Pinheiro, meanwhile, had police on a six-kilometre high-speed chase, firing at them from his vehicle before being cornered off the road by a police car and dying in a shootout. Miller was humble about his heroics. Saving Seymour, he said, "involved people all over the place." Police and prosecutors told a different tale. Miller had saved Seymour's life



Police estimate the dash-up got 10 minutes to Miller (left), who was not arrested for his efforts.



Miller escaped without injury, but there was not a lady. On July 31, after he tried to help a woman involved in a violent altercation with a man, he was arrested, and remember nothing before waking up in a hospital bed the next day, his skull fractured, his jaw broken, and with deep cuts on his face and head. His alleged assailant, Christopher Edwards, 21, was charged last week with

aggravated assault and then released on bail. After the incident, Noon said he didn't regret his actions. "Don't turn a blind eye," he told reporters. Last week he could no longer comment on his ordeal—his jaw has been repaired but still wired shut for six weeks. □

WHEN STUN GUNS GO BAD

After five deaths in one year, police chiefs order an investigation into Taser use

EARLY LAST WEEK, high and personal on cocaine, Samuel Trauson barricaded himself in his Kingston, Ont., bedroom with a knife and a baseball bat, threatening to hurt himself. Police were called, and when pepper spray failed to subdue the 43-year-old man, he was zapped through an open window with a Taser—the sophisticated stun gun that dispenses remote control and is used by more than 5,000 police forces worldwide. After being charged and arrested, Trauson was taken to hospital for an evaluation of his mental health. Within hours he suffered a seizure and died.

Two days later, Ontario's deputy chief coroner reported the cause of death was a drug overdose—not the stun gun. Still, De James Corcoran made it clear he was not yet ready to dismiss Tasers as a horror. How could he? Trauson was the fifth Canadian to die in the past year after being shocked with a police Taser. Formal investigations and coroner inquiries are ramping up in Kingston, Ont., as well as in Vancouver. (In both instances, drugs seemed to have played some role.) And now the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police has asked for a full review of the science and techniques of Taser use in Canada and around the world.

All this highlights a controversy that has been on the boil in the United States, where more than 50 deaths have been associated with the device over the past four years. Amnesty International and other human rights groups have succeeded to suspend their use. But Steve Tarple, VP of communications at Arizona-based Taser International Inc., says such studies are groundless, citing the more than 50,000 accident-free uses in the field to prove the devices are safe. "Our technology is explicitly designed not to cause fatalities," he says. "We've not been sued based on a direct cause of death."

That's true—in only a few cases has a Taser been argued as a contributing factor in a police suspect's death, and it's never been labelled the direct cause. But there is a healthy scientific consensus on the actual safety



Ontario police officers test a Taser's jolt on each other

TASERS IN CANADA THE MAIN USERS

RCMP	600
MUNICIPAL POLICE	
Montreal Police Services	114
Vancouver Police Department	56
Ontario/Quebec Regional Police Services	38
CORRECTIONAL SERVICES	
U.S. Sheriff's Services	56
Quebec Services Branch	
Federal Ministry of Attorney General	50
Alberta Solicitor General's Correctional Branch	18
NUMBER OF POLICE AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES EMPLOYING TASERS IN CANADA, BY INVENTORY SIZE	
Number of devices in use in Canada: 1,000	
U.S.A.: over 100,000	
NUMBER OF DEATHS ASSOCIATED WITH TASER USE	
Use in Canada: 30 in U.S.A.: over 100 (2003)	

SOURCE: TASER INTERNATIONAL; POLICE, media reports

of the device, particularly when it's used on alcoholics or people with heart disease or pacemakers. Dr. Andrew Padgugis tested

several early-model stun guns in 1989 at Canada's National Research Council. He found that pigs with implanted pacemakers could die from the electrical shocks, "I published these reports," says Padgugis. "We suggested to police that maybe they shouldn't use the stun guns because nobody knows who has an implanted pacemaker."

Taser International says it has made significant improvements since then. And police forces believe in the Taser in part because standard training

encourages officers to test the jolt on themselves. "It made me feel like I had no control over anything," wrote one officer of the experience. "I could not fight back." Another simply wrote, "I lost like hell. Dropped like a stone." Edmonton police are one of 61 Canadian forces, including the RCMP, employing Tasers. Casey Shawna-Goodley, who works in the Officer Safety Unit, says the device "actually decreases injury for our subject and our officers out there because they can control somebody within five seconds."

Tasers work by shooting two small metal probes, attached to wires, into the body from up to six metres away. If both probes make contact—even through several layers of clothes—the circuit is completed and the person's muscles are immobilized by 50,000 volts of electricity. That sounds like a lie—it is—but a Taser jolt is not the same as sticking your finger in a light socket and receiving a continuous shock. The Taser zap is intermittent, and lasts five seconds—just enough to force muscles into a rigid state.

The argument for Tasers is that they're a preferable alternative to guns, at least in situations where suspects are not armed. But police allow there are no silver bullets. Any time force is used, something bad can happen. The question where it comes to stun guns is when it's worth the risk. **E**

IBM

IBM.com/cirque-soleil

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL IS ON



THE IBM GLOBAL WIRELESS SOLUTION BUILT ON OPEN STANDARDS ENABLES CIRQUE DU SOLEIL FASTER TO ACCESS VITAL INFORMATION, EFFORTLESSLY FROM ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD SO THEY CAN MAKE DECISIONS IN REAL-TIME, WITH DAZZLING ABILITY

IBM DEMAND BUSINESS

There's being pulled in two directions...

Managing the competing interests of your entrepreneurial business can often pull you in many directions at once. At Grant Thornton LLP we can help. Our advisers offer tax planning, core audits and objective strategic insights, giving you more control in all areas of your business. Call our CEO Alex MacBeath at 1.866.853.9520 or e-mail Alex@GrantThornton.ca and find out how your drive and our clarity will point you in the winning direction.

Grant Thornton

Chartered Accountants
Management Consultants

www.GrantThornton.ca



then there's
results-driven advice

All Business | STEVE MAICH



WAL-MART'S MID-LIFE CRISIS

What happens when being big and cheap becomes your Achilles heel

WAL-MART STORES, INC. would like you to know that it is not evil. It is not rabidly anti-union. It doesn't squeeze suppliers within an inch of their lives, and it does not pay employees minimum wages. It does not destroy local communities, nor does it combine the firing of ill and injured grants just because they work cheap. It does not discriminate against women and minorities. And it's over did any of this stuff, it is going to stop.

Whether you believe these statements or not isn't really the point. The mere fact that Wal-Mart needs to make them tells all you need to know about the identity crisis being

the world's biggest retailer. It also provides a tough lesson in how quickly a company's public image can crumble, and how difficult it can be to pull out of a reputational nose-dive once it has begun.

It was only four years ago that a survey conducted by Core Inc. (Roper) found Wal-Mart to be America's top choice for "good corporate citizen" (but that was before the U.S. government began to probe whether its contractors knowingly hired illegal immigrants to clean stores). It was also before a federal judge approved a class-action suit alleging sexual discrimination at the chain, a case that could affect up to 1.6 million current and former workers and cost the company more than a billion dollars in damages.

Those halcyon days of a rising corporate

image also produced a rash of criticism

your success becomes your biggest liability? Wal-Mart grew into the world's most dominant retailer by selling cheap stuff to ever-aging folks. It's a straightforward, apple-pie-kind of business, except that to make it work you need to be big, and you need to keep costs down. In Wal-Mart's case, that has meant keeping a tight lid on wages and benefits, and moving aggressively to build new stores. For two decades, the company was on an inspiring success story, and through the '80s and '90s its stock marched steadily higher. Revenue topped US\$256 billion last year, meaning that if Wal-Mart were a country, it would boast the world's 31st biggest economy, ahead of Saudi Arabia and Sweden. But such success comes at a cost, and there is a growing galaxy of critics eager to tally up

this point (it really doesn't matter much who the company says). It is the classic victim of its own astonishing success. After all, when you make a US\$9 billion profit as Wal-Mart did last year, your employees will likely read about it in the paper and think, "Hey, maybe I should get paid a little better." It's little wonder that workers in Jonquiere, Que., were pleased when they recently became the first Wal-Mart employees in North America to get a union certified.

Wal-Mart is only too aware of its image problem. This past winter, the company produced television ads featuring happy workers talking about what a swell place it is to work. And in June, it took more substantive action. CEO Lee Scott unveiled an eight-point plan to improve employee relations, including an "office of diversity" to ensure women and minorities get a fair shot at promotions, and a new more generous pay structure. The company is also reportedly in talks with the U.S. Justice Department to settle thousands of illegal immigrant workers. But if history is any guide, Wal-Mart's problems won't go away so easily. Once the government and computer industry rivals began attacking Microsoft for predatory business practices, even Bill Gates's huge charitable donations couldn't reverse the damage from his company. The stock slumped in 2000 and has never recovered.

WHEN you make a US\$9-billion profit, as Wal-Mart did last year, your employees will likely read about it in the paper and think, "Hey, maybe I should get paid a little better"

image also produced a rash of criticism

On the surface, these all seem like relatively simple problems to fix. The latter ones? They're the low-hanging fruit. The former ones? Oh, if only it were that simple. The Bensenville, Illinois-based giant is facing a dilemma. It's the very same one that tripped up many large transitional competitors in recent years: Microsoft, McDonald's and Coca-Cola, to name just three—as their rapid growth and success would begin to breed public discontent. What do you do when the secret to

the trick faded this month, researchers at the University of California at Berkeley released a study pointing out that because Wal-Mart's 44,000 workers in California must rely on public assistance programs, the company's business practices end up costing taxpayers US\$486 million a year. The study relied on data from a 2001 lawsuit against the company, which indicated that three-quarters of Wal-Mart employees make less than US\$10 an hour, compared to the average of US\$14 at large California retailers.

Wal-Mart said the study's conclusions were based on "flawed assumptions," but at

The cracks seem to be appearing in a similarly difficult future for Wal-Mart. After two decades of explosive growth, its stock has been flat as a pancake for five years, leaving Wal-Mart facing a tough decision. It could eventually change its approach to appease its critics, or press on with business as usual and deal with challenges as they come up. Either way, Wal-Mart's best days among America's most admired companies are past.

They say it's lonely at the top, and now Wal-Mart knows why. □

©2004 Wal-Mart Stores Inc. www.walmart.com

LOW-CARB BUBBLE

The diet that was supposed to permanently change how we eat is starting to look like a fad after all

IN THE HISTORY of almost any business fad, there is a point at which people sense what's happening is not a fad at all but permanent social change—the beginning of a new main stream. Often, that's the moment when big corporations, terrified of being left behind a burgeoning green revolution, ever invent. It's also when things usually start to fall apart.

Tom Whittle has watched many such cycles unfold. As executive editor of ProQuest's *Online*, a Maple, N.Y.-based company that tracks new consumer products, he saw North American fads fall in and out of low-fat wine cookers in the 1980s, then it was foods containing oat bran, in the early '90s, diet drinks were all the rage. To Whittle, it appears the Atkins diet and its low-carbohydrate knock-offs heading down the same road, riding with their millions of dollars spent on development and merchandising by food giants that clattered onto the marketplace just as it wheeled around to fall off. "It reminds me a lot of investors who around 1999 thought it would be a great time to invest in tech funds, and then proceeded to lose their pants," says Whittle. "The pattern is very, very similar."

Indeed, recent surveys suggest Americans are starting to lose their taste for high-protein regimens and are switching back to less

restrictive diets. (Far fewer low-carb products have appeared in Canada, and industry representatives say the dieting trend is lagging by eight to 12 months here.) Last month, Kellogg's CEO Charles Durrett became the first major food executive to admit the industry may have overestimated low-carb's potential, acknowledging that the rapid proliferation of products had created "a bit of a glut." In the market: "We're clearly seeing that the low carb trend, or fad, has peaked," he told investors. That sentiment was echoed by General Mills' chief Stephen Berger, who said he didn't believe the diet would stick long-term factor in the industry. Just like those Internet start-ups that found themselves starved of capital and bereft of customers in 2000, food execs are now wondering what's in store for their huge investments in low-carb.

It's a business that isn't even out a few years yet. Dr. Robert Atkins first published his revolutionary approach to dieting in 1972, but it didn't catch on until an updated version of the book hit best-seller lists in 1997—and stayed there for almost 400 weeks. Soon, it seemed every other person was counting carbs and chewing gum, and the packaged-foods industry scrambled to keep up. In 2002, 339 new low-carb products were introduced in the U.S. In 2003, that

figure almost doubled to 633. In the first six months of this year, the category exploded, with 1,863 products launched. Dr. Atkins died in 2003, but the company he started, Atkins Nutritionals, remains a leader in the low-carb market. Last year, its sales of Atkins-branded foods still look more than tripled, as going US\$326 million, and two private investors firms paid almost US\$700 million for a majority stake.

A long list of companies whose products are loaded with carbs, from Krinko's *Krinko Doughnuts* to Canada's *Indulgences* George Weston, have blamed the trend for slumping profits and sales. Not surprisingly, many have rushed to get in on the revolution. Fast-food chains like McDonald's and Burger King introduced high-protein platters four weeks of falling prices, is cutting about 6,000 jobs and axing some of the savings to promote lower-carb products. General Mills and Unilever rolled out more low-carb brands. But almost as soon as athletic products were on sale, executives started warning that the party was winding down.

HOLLY LEWIS'S experience with the Atkins diet helps explain why the low



carb trend isn't the worst. The Toronto score is by no means overweight, but the fad is eating five pounds could help her get better rolls. Strong magazines filled with stories of starlets shedding pounds by jugging an extra meal, Lewis decided last fall to give Atkins a try. After reading up, she cut her carb intake drastically. She soon dropped a dress size and left the diet was working.

Within a few weeks, however, she started having gastric cramps for sweet and some minor stomach aches. But the most noticeable side effect was lethargy, and she was finding it more difficult to memorize lines. "I read about the connection between carbohydrates and brain function, and that made me nervous," she says. Six months after she started, Lewis switched to a more balanced diet.

Research suggests Lewis is just one of millions of North Americans who embraced the low-carb lifestyle only to find it disappointing.

Morgan Stanley analyst William Ponnelle cut terminated surveys on the eating habits of 2,500 American adults in each of the last three quarters, and in the latest poll, completed at the end of June, the low-carb craze posted its first decline. The survey showed about 14 per cent of Americans went on a low-carb diet, down from an average of 12 per cent in the first three months of the year. Ponnelle forecast that by year end, the number will be close to five per cent.

None of the food giants will say how much they've spent chasing Dr. Atkins' disciples but given the costs of developing and marketing new consumer products, *Vitality* says the industry's total low-carb investment likely runs close to a billion dollars. If strong low-carb sales up to a billion dollars, much of that investment may turn out to be wasted, he says. "The industry got into a market bubble, the

greater the chance of losing money. It seems like that lesson is forgotten one and time again. The biggest companies tend to enter these fads in the strongest, coming in fall here at the peak. That's happened here."

The game like Kellogg and General Mills can take comfort in the fact that packaged-food companies are also quickly plugging products off the shelves without noticeably hurting profits. Atkins Nutritionals seems to be in a tighter spot. But Ernest Jaquet, co-CEO of *Pathways Capital*, majority owner of Atkins, isn't conceding defeat. The market has slowed, he says, but dieting is a seasonal business that peaks around the first quarter. "We're very comfortable that in the long run things will keep growing."

Industry analysts are less sanguine. This spring, *Wall Street* observed predicted Atkins Nutritionals could still shatter to the public, valuing it at more than US\$2 billion. But for those investors to come true, low-carb will have to reverse its slump. The models is, fads rarely regain momentum once they've lost it.



BIG BOYS ON A BINGE

Packaged-food giants have bet heavily on the low-carb trend, especially in the U.S. market. Some stand to lose more than others. **KELOLOG** Jumped in with low-carb Special K cereal and Eggs waffles, plus the Carb Sensible line of cookies. But in July, became the first major food company to acknowledge a glut in the market.

GENERAL MILLS Unleashed an extensive line of carb-free products under the Carb Monitor label in May, based on Hershey's suggesting that nearly 70 per cent of consumers are monitoring their carb intake. Three months later, CEO Stephen Berger seemed to show doubt on the strategy, telling a reporter, "We don't see low-carb as necessarily a long-term successful diet management strategy." **UNILEVER'S** *INDULGENCES* Introduced the CarbMell line, which ranges from salad dressings to cereal, and launched the ad campaign "Counting

Carbs? Count on Kell!" to promote eating products that are low in carbohydrates, such as Mielito Whip and Jell-O Light. **ATKINS NUTRITIONALS** The company that gave birth to the "low-carb lifestyle" now leads more than 300 products, including fudge nut brownies, bagels and a low-carb flour substitute *Uniflour*. Its Carb Options line features 44 products (22 in Canada), from pasta and dishes to sauces and realizations. There are also low-carb versions of the Slim-Fast diet foods.

CONAGRA FOODS Life Choice line of 34 low-carb frozen dinners. **SOGA POP** Coca-Cola and PepsiCo both recently rolled out low-carb, reduced-sugar versions of their *Sagely* brands. But if low-carb turns into a small niche, analysts doubt that will be enough demand to support those along with existing "diet" formulations. **BEER** Michelob Ultra was the first and remains the bestselling low-carb beer in the U.S. In Canada, that distinction belongs to Sleeman Glass, which sublets Michelob Ultra and Labatt Sterling.



LUXURY ON A ROLL

Can life's banal necessities be made glamorous?

LATER THIS MONTH, Loft, a trendy new lounge in Toronto's entertainment district, will host what may be the fashion event of the season: the unveiling of the White Cashmere Collection Fall 2004. Eight of Canada's top fashion designers—including Hilary Balley, Jeffrey Coss and Shirley Chan—have been asked to create one-of-a-kind ensembles using the world's most luxurious wool. The scene is easy enough to imagine: select clad hangers, designers and media types pooled, cones in hand, as models strut down the runway off-white. Use a palette of dilled-up Q tips. The twist is the purpose for this seasonal glitz: to launch Cashmere, an exclusive new brand of toilet paper.

Impossible, but true. As it happens, Scott Paper Ltd., Canada's leading tissue manufacturer, will bestow license to the brand name. Cottonelle—the country's best-selling toilet

paper—expresses 2007. So, to retain market share, the folks at Scott have set out to "re-vitalize, differentiate and elevate" their core product, joining a wave of marketers aiming to turn banal everyday goods into so-called affordable luxuries. Cashmere's two ply and three ply ("Ultra") versions will pretty much be C-Lister chic, but with a splash of look, slick packaging and a fresh upturn attitude. The idea, presumably, is that toilet paper has been stuck in the saccharine

THE makers of Cashmere toilet paper have unwittingly created the ultimate symbol of our disposable culture

realm of kittens and awfully basic for too long. The people already for IT with flair. "The disparity between white cashmere and our white bathroom tissue is an obvious one," says Nancy Marcus, vice president of consumer marketing for Scott. "Cashmere depicts quality, finesse and the ultimate in softness." In other words, if Oprah's Fubon or Kate Moss were ever to endorse a brand of toilet tissue, this would be the one.

On the surface, the idea seems absurd. First off, on a scale of glamorous products, bathroom tissue ranks only slightly higher than hemorrhoid cream. Secondly, the central irony between rugged fashion and the product's intended purpose is unappealing (especially if you'd think, to the designers). But what's most striking is that, in conceiving a designer toilet paper, the people at Scott have unwittingly created the ultimate symbol of North American disposable culture.

Still, there's no denying that Cashmere is a logical extension of what's happening in many other product categories. The past 10 years have shown that, generalized branding strategy and sophisticated packaging, even the most utilitarian merchandise can be repositioned as premium-priced luxury goods—prize for the person who enjoys consuming conspicuously. Consider the growing number of upscale groceries and self-styled "lifestyle concepts" stores such as Cubes, selling designer merchandise, artisanal liquid dish soap, even high-end paper-wrapped fish instead of glass dishes like precious artifacts. One California company is even launching a brand of "diva wipers" designed for "fun, empowering messages" on every wipe.

"It's an urban thing," says Mark Stacher, executive creative director at Grey World wide, an advertising firm in Vancouver. "There are a lot of people with a little money to spend. They're living downtown, in small spaces and they cherish smaller things, their iPod or their Philippe Starck chair from Target." Given this penchant, why wouldn't a forward-thinking toilet-paper company try to transform its brand into another must-have, like a Nigella Lawson dish or this season's Probi bag? "If they don't try to package Cashmere as gold-label or sell it as a jewelry store, I think people will go, 'Yeah, sure, that's a nice way of thinking of toilet paper,'" says Stacher. Branding, toilet paper and fashion really are a natural pairing, they're both culturally ephemeral. □

LIGHTS, CAMERA ...PARIS

Montmartre has had a long love affair with the silver screen



SIGHTSEEING STARTS quickly in Paris. Tossing down the terms after landing at Charles de Gaulle airport, our agents direct our attention to the state-of-the-art self-declared museum "Bibi lair and fantastic, the new Air France facility, which opened only a year ago, and formerly with a middle section lying in rubble, victim of a cave-in that killed four people in May. French and we badly wounded, and I'm guessing some Gauls wouldn't be too thrilled that our pilot is running the museum, the new Eiffel Tower.

But what better time to visit Paris, with the 60th anniversary of D Day still fresh in our minds and the anniversary of Paris's liberation approaching on Aug. 25? It's a pleasure to visit a city that was truly worth fighting for. Forget Euro Disney on the outskirts of town—although, mind you, at least Euro Disney has you with a gate left up front and guests over with. Paris prefers to take it out in coffee. When you can pay up to eight bucks for an indifferent cup of espresso, it's obvious you're still paying to taste the pressuring show. No more—this is a bargain.

What a shame the Yanks are missing out. Having heartily congratulated themselves on pulling off D-Day single-handedly (hey, it fits and Canadians were involved, sure), Steven Spielberg would have mentioned them, they ought to be here. Some of them are around—Democracy, no doubt—but most are not appearing because France had the unimagined nerve to follow its own foreign policy on Iraq.

It's too bad, really. Surely these two nations

it's hard to argue with French pride—if ever a city justified an Allied invasion, this is it.

long heads because they're so alike. No one knows how to bring their own people like the Americans and the French. The Americans have the powerful effect of Hollywood to make their poster American glamour (maybe someday Tim Allen will do a D-Day movie with Canada too). But the French too know their way around a silver screen, as I heard from the mayor of Montmartre himself.

Meet Daniel Vulliamy, actually mayor of the

IT'S as celebrated a piece of urban ground as you'll find outside of Manhattan, and this party was a tribute to that

With an air of confidence, at which American visitors as a part, at a street party intended to celebrate the cinematic legacy of this famous neighborhood. Imagine—very distinct of Paris has its own mayor. It's a vision of governance set to make Stephen Harper flinch. The potential for tobacco-cable coverage of visual moments is mind boggling.

But who wouldn't want to be mayor of Montmartre? It's as celebrated a piece of urban ground as you'll find outside of Manhattan, and this party was a tribute to that. The *Le Miroir* Avenue outdoor exhibit is a lovely square far from displays involving

Montmartre on film, ranging from the pre-war work of Jean Renoir, through '50s gangster classics such as *Bob le Flambeur*, on up to *Amélie* and even Baz Luhrmann's *Moulin Rouge*. Vulliamy gets a speech about the tradition of this great neighborhood. There were also staged remembrance of beloved cinematic clubs, and above it all a steady stream of songs that celebrate Paris.

There are a lot of these. Down by the Seine, merchants at booths offer endless selection tributes to the City of Light in CDs. We've got Gordon Lightfoot and Scorpions' *Ten and Four* commercial, which is all fine. But the French have been doing it longer, after all. Napoleon built stuff. Edith Piaf just sang. But either way, it's all about Paris.

It may be true, as some Europeans claim, that French pride carries more than a hint of the old colonial and gaudy—a dangerous smugness no longer belching a little power. Certainly the French tend to resist to events such as the airport terminal collapse by weeding how it will affect their prized reputation. And the nation capable with their American ally over Iraq a probably motivated cause by global rivalry than by any French commitment to peace/commiseration, this cartoonish of the Left was not so long ago supporting nuclear and sinking Gerasopoulos ships.

For strolling around Le Marais and along Boulevard Saint Germain, it's hard to argue with French pride. If ever a city justified an Allied invasion or an 86 coffee, Paris is it. I'm sure the Paris will remember this, eventually. □

TV | Hoodwinked by pop culture

Anderson Cooper gets a "pass" with food crimes and TV shows. "Right now it's pasta pizza and *Pasta Impasto*," says the popular CNN anchor, referring to a Scripps Network food-faked news show on Unleashed. "I don't see it as Spanish but I enjoy watching. It's very witty, and there's a really adorable forced by a guy named Walter Mercado that I love it for. I really don't know what he's saying but he's very dramatic and looks like a cross between Mercado and Liberace."

The front of Anderson Cooper 360 doesn't usually squeal. Considering either—he hasn't spent much time speaking, he says—till the 37-year-old news anchor and son of designer sociologist Gloria Vanderbilt has slipped on as a special commentator for a new MuchMusic-Music Series, *Back in ...* (airing Aug. 20). Each episode looks back at the fads, music, fashion, pop celebrities and news events of a particular year, covering 1950 to 1994. While Cooper's role is to give witty sound bites on the year's biggest controversy—be it the discovery of the Titanic wreckage, John Lennon's murder or the Iran-Iraq war—he takes a few jobs at pop culture shockers past and present. "When so surrounded with it all the time and we're told to believe that it's important and relevant—and it's not. All the magazines at the time were telling us that this is cool and this is what we should never read, but look back and think, 'Wait a minute, how did I possibly get hoodwinked into that?'" So what did he get hoodwinked into? "Well," says Cooper, "I was listening to a Plink of Steaks."

Interviewed by
Amy Poehler
of *Mean Girls*
about her
new book
(Aug. 10, 2014)
on Amazon

SHARMA DEZEL



Flying | On a wing and a joke

Q What do you get when you cross an actor comedian with a cat-vote online?

A Plane bad humor

There's laughter in the air whenever WestJet flies—and that's, because joking is a customer-service mantra. The quirky Air Canada rival treats passengers to a five all-you-can-stomach buffet of gut busters and rib-tickers. While the on-board humor of the flight crew isn't offensive, it is controversial among critics. Some travelers may enjoy it (a few favorable messages have been posted on websites such as www.quotes.com), but others can only cringe in mute horror at groaners like these:

Q Where do you want to go?
A At the snowbell.

Q What's the easiest way to make a banana split?

A Cut it in half.

Such chestnuts, and many more, are culled from a manual written by a group of employees called the Westjetters (these promoters have been known to pre-board passengers who happened to be wearing brown socks). Moreover, explains director of customer service Margaret Imkeberg, "it's a great way to touch a guest on a one-on-one level." Perhaps, but do bring it to the next level, Westjetters might want to try jokes that are actually funny.

ADAM LUTY GOLLMER

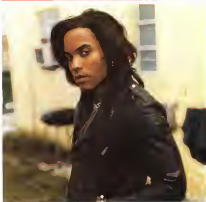
SEVENTY-THREE PER CENT OF Canadians agree a guitar solo is a waste of time. You'd rather go out on a date than play guitar.

The Hawk | 'I had a sword pulled on me'

On CTV or TruTV, Aug. 23, *Revere* (Macdonald, 5'10") Alvin "son Kerk" Macdonald describes the King of Rockabilly's 1962 diagnosis of and miraculous recovery from terminal pancreatic cancer. Now back to health, the hawk is a black-and-gray, rockin' in full force. Recently Macdonald's acid Hawkins about other close

calls he's had: "I'm the 20s some outta control misbehaved brother a bottle and drunk. It's my life because I didn't play a song for him. He was at some hockey tank in Arkansas or Tennessee. I can't remember exactly."

"I got three different knife cuts in these days the penicillin were against rock 'n' roll, so there redneck would get drunk and go religious and beat up a rock 'n' roller." "Once I had a sword pulled on me. Some old boy beat it in a cane." SARAH CURTIS



Lenny Kravitz finishes John Intini's sentences

Lenny Kravitz's success should have come as no surprise, considering the Brooklyn-born rocker grew up surrounded by music business royalty. His parents, MRC TV News producer Sp Kravitz and actress Brooke Baker (The Jeff Bridges), had a party of friends that included Miles Davis, Duke Ellington and Sarah Vaughan. Baker, 40, released *Diagnosis*, his eighth CD, in May. He recently finished Macdonald's Assistant Editor John Intini's sentences:

MY FAVORITE BOARD GAME is Monopoly. I always want to be the rolling car but someone always beats me to it. I'm usually the best of the best. THE FASHION TREND I CAN'T PULL OFF is... No-top clothes. Huge clothes don't

work for me. I only wear them when I'm trying not to be recognized. HANGING OUT ON THE SET OF THE JEFFERSONS... was just part of growing up. It's where I took the best after school. The next was my extremely family. ALL YOURS SENDERS SHOULD LISTEN TO... Aretha's Good Nothing beats a basic Aretha Franklin lesson. THE LAST TIME I WAS SCARED... was recently on my private jet. We had some technical problems. It was a bit hairy, but all worked out fine in the end. THE BEST THING ABOUT BEING A 40 YEAR OLD ROCK STAR... is that I still look 25.

FOR MORE "JOHN INTINI'S SENTENCES" VISIT WWW.MACLEANS.CA/PEOPLE

ACTOR DON JOHNSON, in the photo at a barbershop, was ordered by a Colorado judge to pay a grocery store nearly US\$6,000 for an unpaid tab.

Books | A meditation on normality

When Paul Callers' son Morgan was 2, he could read, spell and do arithmetic in his head. But he would not, or could not, respond to his name. Callers' remarkable first book, *Alongside* (Knopf), combines an affecting account of Morgan's diagnosis with the history of autism as seen in old records of strange behaviour. Among the figures Callers profiles is Peter, the famous level child found in the black forest in 1775. Peter was fostered for enlightenment savants, including an eccentric Swedish judge who saw him as a missing link between apes and men. A century before Darwin, the judge was right in principle about humans, but not about Peter, who, in Callers' careful evaluation of contemporary accounts, clearly emerges as autistic.



Best Sellers

Fiction	LAST WEEK
1. THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN (Lisa Fiedler)	2
2. THE HOUSE OF SECRETS (Michael Chabon)	3
3. THE HOUSE OF SECRETS (Michael Chabon)	4
4. THE HOUSE OF SECRETS (Michael Chabon)	5
5. THE HOUSE OF SECRETS (Michael Chabon)	6
6. THE HOUSE OF SECRETS (Michael Chabon)	7
7. THE HOUSE OF SECRETS (Michael Chabon)	8
8. THE HOUSE OF SECRETS (Michael Chabon)	9
9. THE HOUSE OF SECRETS (Michael Chabon)	10
10. THE HOUSE OF SECRETS (Michael Chabon)	11

Non-fiction

1. THE HOUSE OF SECRETS (Michael Chabon)	2
2. THE HOUSE OF SECRETS (Michael Chabon)	3
3. THE HOUSE OF SECRETS (Michael Chabon)	4
4. THE HOUSE OF SECRETS (Michael Chabon)	5
5. THE HOUSE OF SECRETS (Michael Chabon)	6
6. THE HOUSE OF SECRETS (Michael Chabon)	7
7. THE HOUSE OF SECRETS (Michael Chabon)	8
8. THE HOUSE OF SECRETS (Michael Chabon)	9
9. THE HOUSE OF SECRETS (Michael Chabon)	10
10. THE HOUSE OF SECRETS (Michael Chabon)	11

1. When on top. Displayed by John Bickel

HAVE YOUR SAY

SIGN UP TODAY
macleans.ca/ap

MACLEAN'S



WACJIANC 1 AUGUST 23, 2004 11

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE ANGLE?



Infiniti.ca

The seductive 280 HP Infiniti G35 Coupe.



INFINITI